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Mr Geoffrey Rippon, a former Conservative Secretary of State for the Environment, told MPs. that the Government's rate capping Bill was deplorable and a classic example of elective

dictatorship.

But the measure was defended by Mrs Margaret Thatcher as being overwhelmingly popular imong ratepayers
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### Trade rebound

Britain's trade figures showed an estimated surplus of £317m ast month after a £219m deficit in October as exports had their second best month ever Page 13

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Workers at the threatened Scott Lithgow shipyard have sup-ported the call for a national shipbuilding strike over pay from January 6 Page 2



#### Oil price held

BNOC is to hold the price of North Sea oil at \$30 a barrel for four months to the relief of Opec producers Page 13

#### Pound saver

The Prime Minister seems to have saved the £1 note for now after reports of Treasury att-empts to spirit it away and leave

#### Bank strike

Many high street banks face scrious disruption this after noon as some counter clerks walk out in protest at losing their Christmas "early closing" perk

#### Postal peace

Post Office staff at Shepherds Bush, west London, who have been on strike since December

#### **England dates**

England now know their schedule of qualifying games for the 1986 World Cup finals.

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# Thatcher moves to silence men behind the IRA

called for a fresh assessment of the defences available against terrorism, with a special emphasis on stopping republican politicians inciting violence. The Cabinet spent nearly an

hour discussing the reper-cussions of last Saturday's Harrods bombing which killed five people and injured 90 others, and agreed that things could not be left as they were.

It paid particular attention to what it regards as the growing menace of incitement to viol-ence by prominent figures in the republican community.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Sec-retary, and the law officers were therefore asked to consider not only further measures of polic-ing and security but also how the common law against incitement to violence could be more effectively applied.

They will report back to the Cabinet early in the new year. As expected, the Cabinet decided against proscribing Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, accepting Mr Prior's advice that such a ban could not be effective and would not help the situation in Northern Ireland. The Government's policy in this respect therefore remains as it was, although it was empha-sized afterwards that it will be

Two of the four men beld by

London detectives investigating

the Harrods bombing were released yesterday, while other officers questioned a man in

Birmingham and another in

Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Scotland Yard detectives

An organization called the

London, which said: "We support the armed struggle to get Britain out of Northern Ireland", said hi name was Alan

O'Dwyer and he was in his early

A member of the movement said Mr O'Dwyer was detained

at 6.50am of the house of a

friend. At the same time officers

raided a house in London where

Cigarette

prices up

next month

By Derek Harris

rising again, with 2p added to a pack of 20 cigarettes. Imperial Tobacco, Britain's biggest tobacco manufacturer, made

the move yesterday and the

other big makers are expected to

follow suit soon.
Imperial is introducing the

increases from January 23 with distributors benefitting from the

rise as well as the company and

the Inland Revenue.

There are 2p increases on 25

gramme packs of pipe tobacco

and on several packs of small cigars. Larger cigars rise by

between 1p to 2p each.

The recommended price of John Player Special King Size rises to £1.13 for 20, while Embassy Number 1 King Size 10.15 for 20 to £1.14 John Player Special Research Page 11 John Player 15 Embassy Number 1 King Size 15 Embassy Number 1 King Size

goes up to £1.14. John Piayer Superkings rise by 3p to £1.13

The price of some tobacco is

twenties.

he usually lived.

The Prime Minister yesterday significance to the decision to examine how the incitement laws could be better used. It was seen as a clear expression of the strength of the Government's wish to act against the men behind the bombers.

Ministers have become in creasingly aware of public offence at statements by leading republican politicians about what they see as the legitimate link between the bullet and the ballot box.

In an exclusive article for The Times, Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, urges with Dublin in a commitmen defeat the IRA gummen bombers (page 10).

Ministers believe such re-marks would almost certainly come under the law on incitement because they amount to encouragement for terrorist

There was little clue in Whitehall last night on what further measures ministers might recommend, although increased deployment of manpower and improvement of intelligence links seemed most

Government enthusiasm for interment of suspected terrorists or the introduction of identity cards, but the ending of kept under review. official contacts with Sinn Fein broken the law.

MPs were last night attaching is likely to be considered. Financing terror, page 2

release two men

By Stewart Tendler and Arthur Osman

Mr O'Dwyer was being held

at Sutton Coldfield police station. His detention followed

a series of early morning raids

on homes in the West Mid-

lands. Scotland Yard said yesterday

Harrods - announced

formation of the Knightsbridge

have started the fund with

£50,000. Lord Tonypandy, the

former Speaker of the Com-

mons, will be chairman of the

Contributions can be paid into any Barclays bank, to the

Knightsbridge Fund. Account number 10556661".

Sir Austin Pearce, chairman

of British Aerospace, said

yesterday that he would pull the company out of Airbus Indus-trie's plans to build a 150-seat

airliner if the British Govern-

The aid he said, would be in

the form of a deferred interest loan repayable by 1997, and

British Aerospace would be contributing £200m to the European consortium from its

own resources. It was essential

The aircraft, the A320, is due in

He said: "I am not prepared

to see this company starved of finance just to get the A320 project going. We are going to

protect our other projects in British Aerospace. We have got

high technology skills and they need to be maintained."

that the Government made an early decision on the remainder.

launch aid.

service by 1988.

ment failed to provide £437m of on the A320.

Manchester.

The man held by police in there had been no change in me Manchester has been identified condition of the officers injured as a Mr Gerry Small. All the by Saharday's Provisional IRA been held under the blast, which killed five people.

arrived in Birmingham last Fund for the benefit of victims

night to interview a student and their relatives. The fund

who had been detained at first may be also be used for the

light in Sparkhill area of the victims of other terrorist attacks

An organization called the A spokesman for Harrods Irish Freedom Movement in said the store and House of London, which said: "We Fraser, which owns Harrods,

trustees.

In the Commons yesterday Mrs Thatcher praised the police and expressed sympathy for bereaved families. She said: We would all like, especially at Christmas time, to place on record our thanks for bravery and courage of the police, and particularly to remember those families who will not have a loved one with them this Christmas because of the bombing last Saturday".

She agreed with a Conserva tive backbencher who had criticized the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament for staging a demonstration in London on Tuesday, which took policemen away from their street patrols.

The Prime Minister said it would have been a nice gesture if those who had planned demonstrations had cancelled them in favour of fighting

A Conservative MP meanwhile, has asked the Attorney General to refer to the Director of Public Prosecutions the contents of Granada Tele-vision's World in Action pro-gramme last Monday about Mr Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein and MP for Belfast

Mr Robert Adley said in a letter to Sir Michael Havers that the programme contained alleindicated that Mr Adams had

man disclosed that the part-

time car dealer who sold the Austin 1300 used for the

bombing lives in west London.

has proved so sparse that detectives are very unlikely to issue an artist's impression. A man who half them teld by the West Midlands postee states

December 15 was served with an exclusion order last night

and it was expected he would be

Members of the Irish Free-

dom Movement protested yes-terday outside Birmingham's

detention under the Prevention

of Terrorism Act of Martin

McAllister, aged 30, of Cross-

at Birmingham Airport when he

arrived on a flight from Belfast. He said he was in Britain to by

parts for his double-glazing business from an outlet in

In the mid-1970s he was

British Aerospace, has a 20

per cent stake in Airbus Industrie with the French and

West Germans as the other

chief partners, has been frus-

trated by government hesitancy

Lygo, the managing director, believe the delay has been

caused by the Treasury's con-

of aid would have on the Public

Sector Borrowing Requirement.

three-member Airbus family and provide increased compe-

It is planned as a super-efficient airliner for the 1990s to

replace the world's present fleet of 3,500 noisy and fuel-inef-ficient medium-range aircraft.

Airbus Industrie says emphasis

will be placed on market appeal

tition to Boeing of the US.

The A320 will complete the

Sir Austin and Sir Raymond

Coventry,

As the Yard investigation convicted of possessing arms continued yesterday, a spokes- and being a member of the IRA.

**British Aerospace may** 

abandon Airbus project

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Mr McAllister was detained

The description of the buyer

Harrods bomb hunt police

# Air Force officers freed

Zimbabwe

The last three white Air Force officers detained in connexion with the Zimbabwean warplanes sabotage case were released here yesterday after 16 months imprisonment.

after 16 months' imprisonment.
Wing Commander John
Cox, aged 36, Air Lieutenant
Barrington Lloyd, aged 31, and
Air Lieutenant Neville Weir,
aged 24, walked out of the
Chikurubi maximum security
prison in Harare at 11.30. All
three how hower given arders of three have been given orders of liberation stipulating that they leave the country within seven

A family friend of Wills Commission Con who was being the Dublin, said the girman intended to remain to Zimbabwe for several days to officially resign from the Air

There is speculation that Wing Commander Cox's medi-cal condition helped to bring forward the release. His wife, Sandy, said last week that he could lose the sight of one eye without laser treatment to stop internal bleeding. The treatment is not available in

The acting Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Simbi Mubako, said the men were being allowed to remain in Zimbabwe temporarily to wind up their affairs. They were released on the recommendation of the country's detention review tribunal, which reviewed their cases two weeks ago.

 Air Vice-Marshall Hugh Slatter, the most senior of the officers who acted as leader during the mouths in detention said yesterday: "This is the best Christmas present the rest of us could have had" (Our Fereign Staff writes).

But, he added: "It must be remembered that they should never have been taken back to jail in the first place. They have lost 16 months out of their lives."

Air Vice-Marshall Slatter Air Commodore Philip Pile and Air Lieutenant Nigel Lewis-Walker have been in Britain since being allowed to leave Zimbabwe. Wing Commander Briscoe left for the United

States on Wednesday. Commenting on the release the Foreign Office in London said yesterday "This is a welcome development."

 Zimbabwe's Chief Justice. Telford Georges, has resigned after six mouths and is to take up the post of Chief Justice of the Bahamas next year (AP reports).

# Egypt heals rift with Arafat

complexion of the Middle East was signalled yesterday by the dramatic reconciliation between Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization after an unexpec-

There was speculation that the rapprochement - the first of its kind since Egypt signed the Camp David treaty with Israel in March, 1979 - could assist in reviving the deadlocked Middle East peace process via renewed accoliations between the PLO

Dramatic reconciliation: Mr Arafat and President Mubarak in Cairo

Lebanese port of Tripoli to go



Mr Shamir: Quick to ex-

# A profound change in the apparently seen by the White

But any hopes that the Cairo talks might herald a lifting of

the deep pessimism surrounding peace prospects in the ted, two-hour private meeting region was countered by bitter in Cairo – between President criticism by Israel, whose Mubarak and Mr Yassir Arafat, hawkish Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, was quick to express, "regret and astonishment" that the historic meeting had taken place. One immediate result was to

Israeli-Egyptian replunge lations to their lowest point since the Camp David treaty and Jordan which come is statement, we statement the original Israeli opponents of the Reagan Administration the original Israeli opponents of the peace treaty - recalled that 1982 peace initiative, which is immediately after the murder of why if put strong pressure of President Sadat. Mr. Arakit and his supporters had danced for live in the streets of Beirut.

Mr Shamir's outspoken attack was quickly followed by Israel's Foreign Ministry which alleged that the Cairo meeting, which ahead unhindered. Mr Arafat is had begun with a formal embrace between the two participants, was a "grave blow

to the peace process The Foreign Ministry added: There will be no peace or stability in the Middle East until the murderous PLO disappears from the international scene.

. The force of Israel's condemnation reflected deep concern here that Mr Arafat has succeeded in extricating his political credibility from the military defeat of Tripoli. The reconciliation was thought

# No police action on Waldorf officers

By Stewart Tendler and Thomson Prentice

The three London desectives The three London detectives involved in the mistaken shooting of Mr Steven Waldori last January will not face disciplinary charges. The Police Complaints Board announced yesterday that they accepted a Scotland Yard report recommending no action

ommending no action.

Detective Constable Peter Finch and Detective Constable Finch and Detective Constable
John Jardine, both aged 38,
were acquitted by a jury at the
Central Criminal Court in
October of attempting to murder Mr Waldorf, a freelance
film editor. They have been
suspended from duty since
January, and are now returning
to work.

The third man mentioned in the report, Detective Constable John Deane, was not charged with any criminal offence and returned to duty after a short suspension. All three will be excluded from police firearms duties for the rest of their

In a statement last night the Police.Complaints Board said it endorsed a report sent to it by Deputy Commissioner Albert Laugharne, who has overall responsibility for discipline matters in the Metropolitan Police. The report had been based on an investigation by the complaints investigation bureau wich treated the case as a complaint by Mr Waldorf, although he never officially lodged one.

. The board said no charge of abuse of authority, which would cover the use of unnecessary violence by a policeman, could be brought against Mr Jardine and Mr Finch as a result of their acquittal at the Central Criminal Court. Under section II of the Police Act 1976, disciplinary charges were precluded if they were in substance the same acquittal.

Since charges would not be brought against the men who faced trial no disciplinary charge would be brought against the third officer.

It is understood that both the board and Mr Laugharne consulted counsel before making their final recommendations

in a statement last night Scotland Yard said a decision on the future duties of the detectives would be taken in due course, but "they will not be called upon to use firearms again during their careers."

tiating with Mr. Waldorf's legal advisers for compensation. Mr. Waldorf, aged 27, was wounded five times by police bullets, and pistol-whipped as he lay injured after he was mistaken for a wanted man.

The statement said the police recognized Mr Waldorf had a claim against them. At his parents' home last night,

Mr Waldorf said: "The outcome is no more or less than I Continued on back page, col 2 expected, but it can't be right".

## **Eagle Star** record bid is matched

West German insurer Aliana Versicherungs yesterday mat-ched BAT industries record £934m takeover bid for Eagle Star Holdings, with a 675p per

share offer to shareholders.

The bid from Alhanz is the seventh in the fiercely contested battle for Eggle Star which began 10 weeks ago. Allianz made its lastest offer after the City Takeover Panel set a destiling of 4.2 Presents deadline of 4.30pm on December 30 for the final bidding. Last night Eagle Star said that although both bids were equal its board believes strongly that BAT is more appropriate parent However the outcome of the bids was made more difficult to predict last night by reports that BAT and Allianz had arranged a meeting to discuss a way of resolving the battle before the

December 30 deadline. Finance and Industry, page 13

vists were planning demonstrations.
Mr Ingemar Ljungovist, a communist, was the only councillor of 47 to vote against the proposal. He conde as an attempt to import Coca-

sition from Sweden's "Greens".

the environmental party (Miljopartiet). Mrs Jill Lindgren, the chairman, said local acti-

Cola culture into the area. If the project survives, a big question remains: who will be Santa Claus? One Santa, as envisaged by the backers, would be a deviation from Swedish tradition which allows

These tomrar (as they are known locally) arrive en masse on Christmas Eve, leaving presents in exchange for bowls unappetizing cold rice



# Swedish hamlet may not welcome Santa back

and describes the A320 as Continued on back page, col 5

Most of the 300 inhabitants of the Swedish village of Gesunda are all for Santa Claus. Others are more dubious and there is mounting oppo-Gesunda, consisting of a few

sition here to Mr Clans's projected arrival The bone of contention is the plan of Mr Mark McCormack, the American businessman and sports magnate, to establish in a patch of forest at the foot of a local mountain, Santaland, a

London. It would produce a

tourist complex comprising Father Christmas's home and the terrets of the Snow Queen's workshops and such garish additions as the Palace of the Snow Queen, a dinosaur park and a mail-order toy company. The idea came from two Englishmen, Mr Ken Edwards goes well, Santaland will be and Mr Gerry O'Snilivan, who open for business by Christwork for Mr McCormack's Leisure World International in

Swedish equivalent of Disneyland, but dedicated to Santa Claus, attracting both winter sports enthusiasts and summer

picturesque log cabins and farms, overlooks Siljan, one of Sweden's most beautiful lakes in the holiday area of Dalacar-When Santaland is built, 25 acres of forest will be felled and

Palace will tower over the The scheme has been given planning permission by an enthusiastic council and work is due to start in April. If all

mas, 1984. Mr Lennart Thorshand, a local councillor, backs the



Mr McCormack: From sport to snow queens

project. "The council will not he involved financially but a group has been working to get the scheme off the ground since 1981," he said. "It will be a

ing children's charity organiza-tions."

There are hopes that thousands of letters from children all over the world, which at this time of the year arrive here, addressed simply to Father Christmas, Sweden, will be rerouted to Santaland and dealt

Mrs Ann-Britt Persson, who works in Gesanda's only shop, said: "Our village is in dire need of employment, otherwise families here will not be able to stay together. Santaland will provide work and there will be opportunities for various services to be set up to cater for

But another villager, Mrs Siv Andersson, said: "I don't like the idea at all. Our nature will be ruined and no one bas actually benefit.

Clyde yesterday voted to sup-Government accepted that the port a national shipbuilding closure of the Scott Lithgow strike in the new year.

2.000 of the 4.200 Scott Lithgow recognize the implications workforce yesterday backed the could be appalling, and wider call for a national strike, than the immediate financial repeated by union leaders on loss to those affected", he said. Wednesday night after British Shipbuilders refused to reopen threat was lifted.

prospect of a strike, but if British Shipbuilders have made up their minds that we fit the bill at Scott Lithgow to solve over capacity, then it does not matter whether we are on strike

in the Commons yesterday the Prime Minister emphasized the Government's refusal to be drawn into the dispute, and added: "I think the Government has already shown how much it is prepared to do for shipbuilding Since 1979 British Shipbuilders have received

Police to

press for

court costs

By Richard Dowden

Kent police are to apply to

costs in bringing prosecutions, which could offset the police bill by between £100,000 and

The force said the scheme

"It is of course up to the

courts to decide who pays costs.

It has been estimated that with

the cost of police and clerical

salaries and so forth, it costs £10

an hour for a guilty plea and £20

an hour for a not guilty plea. In

those areas where the courts ask

for an estimate of costs

told police oficers to apply for."

would be any attempt to pres-

defendants into pleading guilty by warning them of the court

Party in Wales, is to become a special adviser to Mr Ivor Richard, the EEC Com-

missioner for Social Affairs, but

a dispute over his successor is

Mr Morgan, aged 65, should have retired in October, but his

departure has been delayed

because of an increasingly bitter

arguement over who should

foreband that is what we have

The force denied that there

the costs of a

was to apply on behalf of the

Workers at the threatened Department of Trade and for the survival of the industry. Scott Lithgow shipyard on the Industry, later told MPs that the but the unions have said that rike in the new year.

A mass meeting of about workers and their families. "We

Earlier, Mr Peter Shore, shadow secretary for trade and negotiations unless the strike industry, had called on the Government to make a final Mr Duncan McNeill, union effort to avoid the strike convenor at Scott Lithgow, said threatened by the industry's after yesterday's meeting in 56,000 hourly-paid workers con Glasgow: "We don't relish the from January 6. "The holiday BP. period now upon us should not be allowed to stand in the way of further efforts to reach and agreement, it would be criminal if this dispute, which has grave implications for the future of the industry, was allowed to proceed", Mr Shore said.

The strike has been called by the 17 unions in the industry in protest at British Shipbuilders' nsistance that a £7 a week pay rise was contingent on agree-ment to a 10-point package of changes in long established

British Shipbuilders has said Mr John Butcher. Under that acceptance of the pro-could achieve a deal accept Secretary of State at the ductivity proposals is essential to the yard's 1,700 workers.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary

of State for the Environment, refused yesterday to contribute

towards the fee for an indepen-

dent study on the cost of the abolition of the six English

He said that it was too soon

to make a useful estimate, but

took his criticism further in a

letter to the leader of one of the

ratepayers in the counties will

have to meet the £180,000

needed for a costing by Coopers

& Lybrand, the management consultants. They have paid

£40,000 for a critical study of

Mr Jenkin gave two reasons

EEC job for Labour chief | Social work

that the job should go to Miss Anita Gale, the assistant orga-

Mr James Mortimer, the

party general secretary, said:

someone else", but Miss Gale countered: "How on earth does

Mr Mortimer know what the

The arguement started after

people of Wales want."

The people of Wales preferred

nizer in Wales.

as dispute rumbles on

and organizer of the Labour committee's recommendation

take his place.

In an unprecedented move, and agent for Mr Kinnock who the national executive comwas favourite for the job, did

mittee of the party refused to not arrive for an interview

Government's abolition

ed authorities.

His decision means

metropolitan counties.

Jenkin rules out cash

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

too much too quickly. British Shipbuilders has told the unions that any further talks on the dispute would be only to clarify the management's position on the survival plan and not to discuss changes in it.

Managers at Scott Lithgow. which is threatened with closure after the cancellation of an £86m order from Britoil for an oil rig, fear that the national strike could also jeopordize completion of a £60m rig for

Members of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, voted by a four to one majority in a shippard ballots not to take part in the strike.

 Clerical and computer staff at British Shipbuilders yards in the North-west have decided not to take part in the strike. Union leaders at Smith's Dock on Teesside yesterday rejected management offers of local talks aimed at preventing the yard from being drawn into the strike. Management said they believed local negotiations could achieve a deal acceptable

Socialist Party by violent means and with obtaining 70 sticks, of for council study

The other was the com-

only one reason for getting rid of them, Mr Jenkin, said. The

other was that they had "too few real functions" to justify

their existence. The councils are

Tyne and Wear, West Mid-lands, Merseyside, Greater

Manchester and South and West Yorkshire.

Mr Jenkin: questioned the

basis of the consultants' study

in a letter to Mr Bernard Clarke.

leader of the Greater Manchest-

Mr Clarke said Mr Jenkin

strike

to end soon

By Our Labour Editor

The four-month action in-

volving residential social work-

ers that has halted admissions

disabled and elderly is to end

Delegates of the National and

Local Government Officers'

Association (Nalgo) voted yes-terday to call off industrial

action "as soon as possible" to allow their claim for a reduced

working week and unsocial

hours payments to go to a joint

inquiry under the auspices of the Advisory Conciliation and

admissions to munincipal

nomes since September 9; and

Since the rescue of the

The Government is con-

In the review, consideration

will be given to arming the police and providing them with

better radio contact, particularly

in rural areas where many

police stations close at night. It

will also look at the operations

of the Army's SAS-style Rang-

ers and whether the Special

Branch should have high

The activities of Dominic

McGlinchev. leader of the

velocity rifles as well

chine guns.

homes for the young

was worried about opposition to abolition. "I am dismayed that

er authority.

for not paying for the next part a minister should suggest that

of the study. One was that a any independent assessment

costing of abolition could not be must be open to question while done until plans had been made at the same time he is seeking to

by the councils told to take over push his abolition plans through the work of those being purely on the basis of broad

#### GPs oppose new councils to Coopers & Lybrand concentrated wholly on spenddeputies rule ing by the councils. That was

remanded in custody.

Boy, 16, on

dynamite

charges

detained under the Prevention

of Terrorism Act by Strathclyde

police appeared at Glasgov

Sheriff Court yesterday.

Two of the 17 people

Donald Anderson, aged 46

they made no plea and were

and a boy aged 16, were charged with conspiring to further the aims of the Scottish Republican

Government proposals for restricting the use of deputizing services by general practitioners would mean the closure of most of the services and substantial disruption of the remainder, the British Medical Association has told Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Health.

Dr John Ball, chairman of the BMA's general medical services committee, says there would be a serious effect on service to patients if the minister's proposals were not radically modi-

#### Father and son found dead

A father and his son, aged eight months, were found dead yesterday in a wood at Lakenbeath, Suffolk, Mr David Ross, aged 24, and his son lain were in a car with a length of hose leading from the exhaust

The discovery ended a police search which began after the boy was abducted on Tuesday Mildenhall.

#### Tanker crash costs £14m

The collision between the Iranian tanker Sivand and the Immingham oil terminal in September will cost insurers

Damage to the terminal totalled £9m and it cost £5m to clear 6,000 tonnes of crude oil from the Humber.

#### Divorce move

Lord and Lady Allendale are to be divorced after 35 years. The suit is to be heard by special procedure in London Mother and the former Labour Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, were among guests at the couple's wedding.

Fear over radioactive leaks from Sellafield nuclear plant has cost Cumbria £25m in lost tourist revenue, a tourist board official said yesterday. Plans for many new holiday schemes, such as caravan sites, had been judgment and recommen-dations of the London South Greenham protest

# CND calls off demonstrations

demonstration at this time and The Campaign for Nuclear

Signatures of surrender: Marian Cole, of the Imperial War Museum, showing the Instruments of Surrender signed by Argentina and Britain which went on display yesterday. The documents confirm the surrender of all Argentine forces in the Fakland Islands (left), South Georgia (centre), and Southern Thule. (Photograph: John Manning).

Disarmament has promised that it will not demonstrate in London during Christmas or new year so that the police can concentrate on hunting IRA terrorists. CND said yesterday that the

decision to postpone any demonstrastion had been taken after last week's Harrod's bombing in which five people had died. Senior CND officials will meet next month, however. to plan continued protests.

In a statement issued on Tuesday after a CND protest in Trafalgar Square, Mrs Joan Ruddock, the organization's chairman, said that the small spontaneous reaction to a Association reports). rumour that a cruise missile was to be taken out of Greenham not have called any major October 11.

we fully support police effort to find the perpetrators of Saturday's appalling crime."

Mrs Ruddock was commenting on a statement by a police

ing that police resources were ng diverted from the hunt for the IRA bombers. In the Commons yesterday. Mrs Thatcher criticized the

 Two members of Catholic Peace Action. Mrs Sara Hipperson. aged 55, and Dr Ray Towey, aged 39, were jailed for seven days yesterday after refusing to be bound over by

Bow Street Magistrates' Court demonstration had been a to keep the peace (the Press They had chained themselves to pillars outside the Ministry of ommon Air base. "We would Defence building in London on

£1.5m more Women angered by

#### 'eviction plan' main gate to the air base, is By David Nicholson-Lord

**Decision deferred on** 

WPC in equality case

Greenham Common women are angry at what they regard as a coordinated Whitehall plan to evict them from their peace camp.
Miss Jane Hickman. lawyer

representing the women said yesterday that it was unprecederized for a number of government departments to get together in peacetime to try to remove people who were using their democratic right to pro-

Miss Hickman was responding to the publication of a confedential memorandum drawn up by officials from the Department of Transport for a road widening scheme outside the air base near Newbury. Berkshire, where America cruise missiles are now kept.

The document, which was drawn up in September or October as a brief for a meeting of officials from the Thames Valley Police, suggested that private security firms could be used for the eviction of protesters from land required for the road-widening.

The memorandum says that which owns the land outside the scheme went ahead.

The policewoman who won

her sex discrimination case

against the Metropolitan Police

on Wednesday is to remain on

London, for the time being.

foot patrol in Fulham, west

Scotland Yard said yesterday

no decision would be taken on whether to return Woman

Police Constable Wendy de

Launay to traffic duty until it

had received the formal written

Industrial Tribunal.

confident that it can "eliminate the peace movement women from our land to where Newbury district will have a reasonable chance of dealing with the camp with the help of Earlier this month. Newbury.

District council introduced new by-laws which would enable it remove any structure which could be classified as a "build-

On Wednesday about fifty women were evicted from their teuts by police and bailiffs. The

The memorandum which Whitehall officials described as the personal view of the officials who had drawn it up, described the Greenham women as "dirty and scruffy". A spokeman for the Depart-

ment of Transport said yesterday that Mrs Lynda Chalker. the Minister of State at the department, had never made any secret of the need to clear women from land outside the the Department of Transport. airbase when the road-widening

The tribunal had ruled that

WPC de Lauriay, who was

banned from working with married male colleague last February, had been the victim

of sexual discrimination and

victimization when she lost her

posted partnership with Police Constable Trevor At-

the tribunal said yesterday

that a written judgment nor

from the day of the verdict.

Northern Ireland to 25 advice

Many of those working in

these offices are unemployed

young people drawing social security but Sinn Fein needs a

great deal of money: it spent £31,000 in the June general

election, compared with £25,000 by the Social Demo-

cratic and Labour Party whose

own financial straits reduced party leader Mr John Hume to

write to businessmen asking for

also bought a new centre in

Andersonstown for £25,000.

which Mr Gerry Adams, the

MP for West Belfast, said had to

be paid back within six months.

He said the organization got its

funds from raffles, donations,

and even "cake fairs" plus the

profits from Republican News,

its newspaper, which claims to sell 48,000 copies a week.

The Provisional IRA

believed to have been behind

armed bank robberies in the

Provisional Sinn Fein has

assistance.

In the Commons yesterday, Mrs Thatcher criticized the protest and said that it would have been "nice gesture" if the organisers had called off Tuesday's demonstration.

officer at the protest complain-The Prime Minister was replying to a question from Mr Tim Eggar, Conservative MP for Enfield North, who had condemned the protest for taking police officers away from street patrol duties.

 Two members of Catholic Peace Action, Mrs Sara Hipperson, aged 55, and Dr Ray Towey, aged 39, were jailed for seven days yesterday after refusing to be bound over by Bow Street Magistrates' Court to keep the peace (the Press Association reports).

They had chained themselves

to pillars outside the Ministry of Defence building in London on

# for policing air base

The Home Office denied vesterday that it was setting a precedent by awarding Thames Valley police an extra £1.5m to cover policing the Greenham

The decision was announced vesterday by Mr Leon Britian, the Home Secretary, in recognition of what he called the exceptional additional costs of the Greenham operation, which has reached more than £3.7, this charter so as to become a school

precept giving the force extra funds and demanded that the Government should pay the

The Government has now raised its contribution from 65 per cent, through Home Office and rate support grant, to 75 per cent. The force's total budget is more than £66m.

The Home Office said that the aid could not be regarded as a precedent for other large-scale policing operations regarded at of a national rather than a local character.

## **Academics** face more pressure on jobs :

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By Julian Haviland Political Editor

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, confirmed yesterday that he is continuing to press for university teachers to be more easily subject to dismissal than at present.

He has advised in the case of three universities or university institutions which have sought changes to their charters that they should be empowered to dismiss members of their academic staffs whom they wish to make redundant, unless at employment contract specifies

The burden of his advice was disclosed in a parliamentary written answer given yesterday by Mr Peter Brooke a junior Minister at the Department of Education and Science.

Sir Keith first ran into trouble over the tenure of academic posts when he proposed large cuts in provision for the universities' expenditure in 1981. He discovered that the charters of the older universities allowed for staff to be dismissed or made redundant only on grounds of mental or physical incapacity, professional misconduct, or scandalous behaviour. He was persuaded of the need to provide £100m over two years for a so-called "restructur-

ng fund" to meet the demand generous compensation for those taking

Sir Keith's aim since then has been to reduce by steady pressure the relatively privi-leged status of academic staff. Many university teachers are already engaged on fixed-term contracts, with no life tenure. Sir Keith wants to change the emphasis so that universities will remain free to give permanent positions to those of exceptional merit, but so that most academic staff will normally be subject to three month's notice, as in other

Where the governing body of a university wishes to change its charter, the change requires the approval of the Privy Council. which in practice takes the advice of the secretary of state.

At present according to sources within the department. three institutions are seeking to retain, in altered charters, the traditions "good cause" rula which conveys indefinite tenure. In each case Sir Keith is resisting the perpetuation of a tradition to which he objects. The three cases at issue are:

• The University College of Aberystwyth, which has been discussing a modern supplementary charter with the department for several years:

The Institute of Education. which is owned by London University and is seeking a new

The Thames Valley Police Authority refused last month a for changes in its charter and cause" rule and wishes to retain

#### Ambulance stolen

of the university:

Two ambulancemen carrying 43 out a patient from a hospital in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, yesterday saw their ambulance being driven off. It was found about half a mile away undamaged but full of beer cans.

## Burns given another term as Treasury adviser

By Jonathan Davis Financial Correspondent Sir Terence Burns, aged 39,

was appointed yesterday for a further five-year term in the key government post of chief economic adviser Treasury at a salary of £39,500. The reappointment means that Sir Terence who joined the Tresury at the start of 1980 from the London School of Economics, could still be in the post until 1990. His original term, which was extended by a car carlier this year, runs until the end of next year.

A committed and eloquent advocate of monetary control. Sir Terence has won a reputation inside Whitehall for his ability to provide advice and policy ideas in a broadly nonpartisan way. He was knighted earlier this year. His reappointment was an-

nounced by Mr Nigel Lawson. Chancellor of the Exchequer, alongside a further reshuffle of senior civil servants at the Treasury.

deputy secretary responsible for



Sir Terence Burns: Non-partisan adviser

secretary in charge of general expenditure matters. Mr Wilding is to take charge of the office arts and libraries in the Cabinet Office. Mr Anson will be replaced by

Mr Nicholas Monck, aged 48. who is being promoted from his post as under secretary respon-sible for the Treasury's home finance group.

Mr Monck, who was princi-Mr John Anson, aged 53, the pal private secretary to Mr county secretary responsible for Denis Healey as Chancellor in industry, is to succeed Mr 1976/77, will be succeeded by Richard Wilding as deputy Mr Tim Lankester.

#### Soldier's death inquiry The body of a soldier who brought back to Britain for

died in South Georgia after going to a party has been flown home to Britain. After a party. Sapper David Mead, aged 23, of the Royal

Engineers, returned to hisa quarters but was found the next day dead on his bed. The Ministry fo Defence set

up an investigation after his commanding officer reported his "suspicious death".

The Army's Special Investigation Branch was asked to look into the death but the ministry wanted the soldier's body to be

specialist examination. An RAF jet arrived at Brize Norton. Oxfordshire, earlier the

week carrying the body. Thames Valley police were told of the incident but they asked for a pathologist with Home Office status to make the first examination. Overseas selling prices

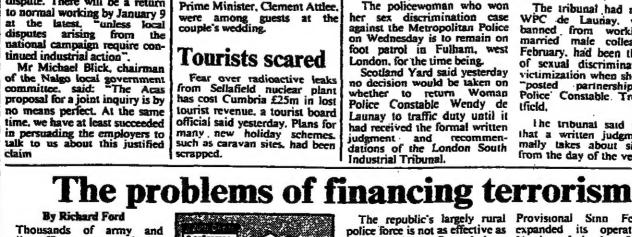
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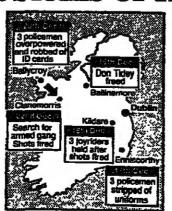






The Children's Society.





illegal Irish National Liberation Army and Ireland's most wanted man, will also be considered, particularly as he is thought to have been involved in incidents in Sligo. Cork an Wexford in which policemen have been stripped of their uniforms.

The security forces fear these uniforms will be used in amount of cash coming from spectacular armed robberies the United States has slowed to fund terrorism. The number considerably causing problems of high powered weapons now being used by gangs in the an estimated £2m a year to run rebuplic confirms that the its political and military camrebuptic community spilling paign.

Security property from Norther This cash shortage comes at a to the softer target of post over the border from Norther

The republic's largely rural Provisional Sinn Fein, has police force is not as effective as expanded its operations in the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but has made great advances in centres complete with telerecent year even though senior phones. officers say it was not set up to tackle terrorism. However, the Provisional

IRA has attempted twice in four months to raise large sums of cash by kidnapping, a crime it has frowned upon in the past. It admitted that the £5m demand for the safe release of

Mr Tidey was "related to the struggle in the north", but it confirmed security force's suspicions that the organization is desperately short of money. Millions of dollars have been

given by the people of the United States through the Irish Northern Aid Committee, known as Noraid, which the US funds for the Provisional IRA". for an organization which needs

Justice Department says is the "major American source of But it is thought that the amount of cash coming from

republic but after tougher time when the political wing, offices.

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Wales Aerials (Llandeilo). The networks are in addition conditional franchises by the Government about a month ago to operate with about 30 channels. The new multichannel networks will not be operational for about 18 months, but the networks given approval yesterday will be able to upgrade their systems almost

# Bank customers face long queues in Christmas holiday action

Many high street banks face scrious disruption today as some counter clerks stage an clearing banks said the situation was likely to be patchy with is affiliated to the TUC, carried some banks closed and others out a secret ballot of its afternoon walkout in protest at the loss of their Christmas "early closing" perk.
The Banking, Insurance and
Finance Union yesterday reported that early returns from working order during the

support for its industrial action, and predicted that "tens of thousands" of its members would stop work after lunch.

The dispute is over the employers' decision that the traditional Christmas Eve half-day holiday is not applicable ould stop work after lunch.

A spokesman for the London because today is not Christmas

### Poison warning over fake 'fresh' turkeys

Consumer experts say that thousands of turkeys could be the cause of food poisoning because some shopkeepers are defrosting frozen poultry and selling it as freshly killed. If the birds are taken home

and frozen again, bacteria will multiply, there could even be 2 food poisoning epidemic, West Midlands County Council's consumer services department

The department has sent urgent warnings to all local authorities after "stambling across" the practice in one shop a few days ago. Since then more than twenty shops in the Birmingham area have been discovered doing the same

thing.

The department said: "We has bought advise anyone who has bought such birds and refrozen them to throw them away". Tell-tale signs are frost or water inside the bird.

• A woman who bung a holly wreath on her front door found that rain water made the

said the berries were green peas painted red.

Mr Fred Kennington, aged 76, is to keep his job as Father Christmas inspite of hitting a boy at his grotto. Mr Kennington had been cheeked by one boy and hit out, but the lad ducked, and Mr Kemington hit an innocent boy behind. The police were told but the matter was dropped and Mr Kennington is to keep his job at the Pentagon shopping centre in Chatham, Kent.

Orkney islanders have received a free supply of "yule logs" by accident. The untreated timbers was washed ashore on the island of Bursay after falling from a ship bound for Norway.

 A rampaging bull caused chaos among Christmas shop-pers yesterday after escaping as it was being led into a slaughter house in Ashfield.
 Nottinghamshire. It attacked two abattoir workers, then leapt over a 5ft wall and charged shoppers. It was shot dead by police.

open. Long queues of irritated members which produced a 53 customers are expected at the per cent majority for taking banks still doing business. But back by strike action the half-the banks say their cash day holiday that they have dispensing machines will be in enjoyed for the past decade.

half-day in lieu for staff who continue working, and which has been exempted from the

The banking union claims that employers took away a half-day festive season boliday without agreement or nego-tiation. The banks agree that when the last trading day before Christmas falls on Christmas Eve, it is the custom to close at

mas Eve is on a day when bank bring down the shutters when December 23 fell on a Friday

Mr Leif Mills, the general secretary of BIFU, said yester-day: "We expect some 80,000 members to withdraw their

He said there would be many hundreds of banks closed, and many others capable of giving only a skeleton service.

But a spokesman for the clearing banks said most would remain open today. Of the 241,000 people employed in the industry, only 24,000 voted to strike. The level of disruption would therefore depend on how many staff at each branch belonged to BIFU, and how many heeded the instruction to

# £130m festive tips to share

in the season of goodwill and considerable largesse something in the order of £130m will be changing hands as seasonal tips, gratuities and Christmas boxes. That excludes regular tips and service charges, and the cash value of gifts and presents in kind, which are likely to include some four million bottles of wines and spirits, perhaps a million cigarettes, and 200,000

Times and my neighbours in Hackney, London's poorest

borough. On average Hackney residents gave larger tips and Christmas boxes than Times staff, but they gave to fewer recipients. While Times people claimed that they would be parting with an average of £8.57/2 this Christmas, the average expectation in Hackney was that the bill for seasonal goodwill would amount to £7.84. In both groups men were

tippers than women. The most comonly tipped group were newspaper delivery are all casuals at Christmas" or boys and girls, who could expect to receive something from just more than three-quarters of respondent households. This was half as many as would be the staff, strategically placed on tipping the next most popular retail shop counters, though a

dustmen and milkmen. Posbox from only a third of our

newspaper boys and girls were going to be tipped more my newspaper colleagues mechanics expenditure was increased by handouts to a wide variety of The at

Both the biggest and the smallest totals were dispensed by Times staff members. The 100 was £100, and the lowest £1, of which the gift giver admitted 50p was hypothetical and dependent on the potential recipient asking for it.

Dustmen can expect receive from nothing to £20 ("there are five of them"); cleaning ladies, where employed, seldom less than £5; and milkmen never more than £5. One postman has received appreciably more generous £10, but no others were down for more than £2. It was commonly pleaded that "they

"I never see them anyway". Few people looked with favour on collecting boxes, bearing seasonal greetings from groups who were, in order, the few respondents said they

would expect to put up to 50p ably more tipworthy than any

Seldom considered groups to whom appreciation will rarely generously in Hackney than by be shown include street clean-Times staff. On the other hand ers, launderette ladies, garage my newspaper colleagues mechanics, coalmen and tele-

range varied from one to

unsuccessfully, for change

An exception is the Co-oper-ative Bank, which has offered a

noon. This year, however, Christ-

staff have the whole day off, and only in 1977 did the banks And that policy met with public

labour tomorrow and a con-siderable number of nonmembers are joining the action with us, - particulary in Lloyds Bank".

tmen could expect a Christmas in as many as four of these, box from only a third of our Butchers were reckoned noticerespondents.
All those groups except the other shop-tending group.

lunches. Those results are extrapolated from a limited survey of Christmas tipping habits extrapolated out among my colleagues at The Times and my relighbours in the pool of the pool for biggest tips, one) was £1.23. Hackney house one was £1.23. Ha an average of just more than eight tips per household, but the

> Attitudes to tipping varied widely from "everybody regular gets £5" (Times executive) to "nobody with whom I have a commercial contractual relationship gets a penny extra" (Times editorial staff). Some men were vague about tipping:
> "I think my wife attends to the
> milkman", was all one could
> offer. Another recalled being trapped by the postman, prof-fering a £5 note and asking,

drive", one said.

The average tip for all

seventeen.

The most defiant attitude was among those who refuse to tip and selfish people, for the sake dustmen (a surprising 48 per cent). "If I gave the dustmen a to jeopardize the lives of others bottle of whisky they would probably do what they do with "There is only one real probably do what they do with There is only one real everything else, drop it in the answer don't drink and drive,

# How does an elephant crack a Christmas treat? First, catch your treat, in this case a honeydew meion. Next, tread on it, gingerly. Now eat the result, something between a Christmas pudding and a melon squash. Lauren Chandler, aged six, and her cousin Carrie Clark, aged eight, were visiting London Zoo at Regent's Park yesterday when Dilberta the elephant (with her keeper, Mr Joe Haddock) set to. (Photographs: John Voos).

face competition By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Whitehall caterers

Civil Service catering is to be servants used available staff thrown open to competition attempt to get better value for the £14m annual subsidy towards the food and drink consumed at work by govern-

ment employees. Government departments resoponsible for the 680 official restaurants and canteens all choose between outside contrac-tors and the Civil Service Castering Organization (CIS-

Plant and equipment will continue to be povided by the departments concerned and the Government is to spend an extra £1.65m a year for the next five years to improve facilities.

The changes, announced yesterday by Mr Barney Hey-hoe, Minister of State at the Treasury, came after an official

police plea

to drivers

By a Staff Reporter

motorists not to drink and drive

this Christmas has been made

by Mr Roger Birch, a police

Mr Birch, who is chairman of

the traffic committee of the Association of Chief Police

Officers and Chief Constables of

Sussex, said: "The enormous

amount of publicity on this

subject for the last two weeks

demonstrates how concerned

the nation is at the tragedies

and hardship drink driving

of that extra drink, are prepared

"The point is that a few weak

on

association spokesman

traffic matters.

A last-minute appeal

facilities. The scrutineers, including

Miss Sybil Barnes, head of catering for Marks & Spencer, stated then: "The prodominant picture is one of inefficient, outof-date kitchens and comfortless dining rooms." The Government then de-

cided to launch a £1 m series of over Britain are to be allowed to pilot projects to look at other ways of catering the service.

Mr Hayhoe said in his Commons written reply yesterday that under the new plans,

CISCO will retain overall central control to ensure con-sistency of standards among Civil Service facilities. But he added: "It is the intention that contractors and CISCO should compete for departmental catering work on an equal footing".

CISCO, which will continue to charge the departments for advice, guideance and, where it scrutiny of the system in appropriate, for the provision of February, which found that services, is to be established as a only 35 per cent of civil trading fund

# Last-minute | Police 'tried to help'

By Craig Seton Dorset replied yesterday to criticism that nothing had been done to help Mrs Daisy Robbins, a widow aged 67, who was found dead an hour before

Mrs Robbins, who was described as a chronic alcoholic, was found in a chair with an empty glass by her side at her home in Blandford, Dorset, on Wednesday, shortly before she was due to appear before magistrates, charged with stealing tea and chocolate from a Keymarket store. She had left a note which said: "No one loves

the past two years.

with on its merits. When the police prosecute they not only present evidence but can also could help people like Mrs Robbins."

services team leader, said: "We tried to help her many times. We approached her to try to get her into an old folks' home, but she refused to go.

The Prime Minister ap-

fox, who sat up till after lam on Wednesday in the vain hope of wringing an equal reassur-ance out of a Treasury minister, heard all he wanted. He now

believes, to coin a phrase, that

the pound note is safe with the

When he first raised the question Mr Fox accused the

Treasury of contemplating a

crossroads" to spirit the note

away and leave only the coin.

In the Lords on Tuesday a minister, Lord Glenarthur.

little dirty work at

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would be retained.

Prime Minister.

### Side light ruling on new cars By Our Transport Editor

Dilberta finds melon squash quite a mouthful

Driving on sidelights only will be illegal on new cars delivered after 1986 under regulations laid before Parlia-

ment yesterday.
It will be possible to park cars with sidelights only, but once the ignition is switched on the choice will be between dim-dip (dipped headlights with reduced light), full dip and undipped.

Announcing the regulations yesterday, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport. said they followed favourable consultation with motoring organizations.

The regulations will not apply to existing cars or to motor cycles; but the Transport and Road Research Laboratory is to investigate their possible application to motorcycles.

#### Palace deal ruled out

The Prince and Princess of Wales are definitely not interested in buying Mariborough House, the former royal palace in Pall Mall, as a new London home, Buckingham Palace said

yesterday.

The building last used as a palace in 1953 and occupied for the past 20 years by the Commonwealth Secretariat, a single bathdoes not have a single bath-

### **Pupils expelled** for taking drugs

Four boys and two girls have been expelled from Bromsgrove School, Hereford and Worcest-

er, for smoking cannabis. Two other pupils have been cleared after an inquiry by West Mercia Police and one remains suspended. No decision has been made about whether the children will be prosecuted.

#### Jaguar call

Jaguar Cars is to recall 4,200 V12-engined Jaguar-Daimler saloons and XJS coupés in Britain for modifications to the fuel system. A spokesman said leaks at high pressure points had been reported.

#### Prince helps

The Prince of Wales is converting a barn at his Highgrove estate in Gloucester-shire into five workships for small businesses. The tenants will include a porcelain restorer and a woodworker.

#### Bugsy's tour

to go on a national tour after it ends its West End run at Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, on February 11.

## Councillor lied to get top job By a Staff Reporter

Lady (Carol) Yapp, was offered the post after an interview on Tuesday, but the offer was withdrawn when she admitted that she had lied

"foolish transgression". She said her failure to complete her degree course lay in tragic personal circumstances and

"What is more serious is the question why was the whole might of the local government officer system used to ensure that I was not appointed, even though my skills and expertise

involved in the working West Midlands Enterprise Board, Midlands Enterprise Board, lands County Council, who which aims to create about remarried earlier this year.

about her qualifications.
The deceit of her claim to

hold a BA (Economics) degree from Birmingham University was discovered after a telephone call was received in Merseyside from West Mid-lands county headquarters, where Lady Yapp is a county

councillor.

Lady Yapp said yesterday that the lie was no more than a

remain relevant."

Lady Yapp has been closely

#### A Labour councillor's lie has 5,000 jobs a year. But its first cost her a £21,000-a-year job as annual report, published rehead of Merseyside Enterprise cently, showed a loss of £700.000.

Mr Keva Coombes, the Labour leader of Merseyside County Council denied that "the system" had cost her the

He said: "Nobody is entitled to get a job on the basis of lies. I feel angry about this. It was a stupid act and it is not a technical irregularity to tell lies. There could have been no question of her getting the job." He said that she was offered

the post subject to certain conditions, including a medical examination, the checking of qualifications, and the taking up of references. But after the call from the West Midlands, Mr Coombes questioned Lady Yapp, He said: She admitted immediately that she did not have the qualifi-cations. The job offer was withdrawn. That was not by

claimed, for she obviously could not carry on." Lady Yapp, aged 39, is divorced from Sir Stanley Yapp, chairman of West Mid-

mutual consent, as she has

#### Princess's | Joiner led double life secretary leaves

By David Nicholson-Lord

Mr Oliver Everett, the Princess of Wales's private secretary, is leaving his post to become deputy librarian to the Queen, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. The move comes after suggestions of a personality clash between the Princess and Mr Everett, leading to several bitter argu-

ments. The palace declined to comment on the reports yesterday, describing them as "purely speculative". A spokesman added: "It is simply a career choice of Mr Everett's."

The appointment has been made on the understanding that made on the understanding that
Mr Everett, aged 40, will take
over the job of librarian and
assistant keeper of the Queen's
archives whea Sir Robin
Mackworth-Young retires. Mr Everett, who was re-

ported to be on the point of resignation, was formerly the Prince of Wales's assistant private secretary and has been with the Princess since shortly after their wedding. He takes up his new post at Windsor Castle on January 1.

Mr Edward Adeane, the

Prince's private secretary, will

now act in this capacity to both the Prince and Princess.

as burglar From Our Correspondent

The double life of a craftsman joiner who burgled his customers, friends and relatives. was disclosed in York Crown

Court yesterday. Keith Magson, aged 31. of Huntington, near York, admitted more than 180 offences of burglary and deception. He was jailed for three years. Mr Peter Charlesworth, for

the prosecution, said that Magson's victims during his one-man crime wave included his best man and the vicar, as well as customers of his family ioinery firm, which meant he was sometimes employed to repair the damage he had caused breaking in. His "haul"

was said to be worth £60,000. Four policemen were said to have taken two hours to remove £20,000 worth of stolen goods from Magson's house. Cheque books and bank cards were also stolen and Magson forged cheques to obtain hundreds of pounds.

But the court was told that Magson spent none of the proceeds of his burglaries on himself or his family, who knew nothing of his criminal activities. Instead, he saved more than £6,000

Clash over coin

# Thatcher saves the pound note

peared yesterday to have resceed the £1 note from the clutches of the Treasury. deal of money to keep pound notes in circulation. He said a Leading from the front, in the £1 note lasted about 11 months. style which she has on occasion monstrated before, she told Mr Marcus Fox, Conservative MP for Shipley, that she had reason to believe that the note Mrs Thatcher did not say for how long, and a wise politician never says never, and a week is a long time in politics. But Mr

Economic Secretary to the Treasury, to promise that it would live.

But Mr Stewart was canny. If the note was under threat, he said, the threat came from the way in which it was misused by the public. Instead of being carefully placed in wallets it was now "frequently stuffed

• There may be ways of producing a £1 note that has a longer life than the present model, a Treasury spokesman

Minister's comment (Kenneth Gosling writes).

But it is still government policy, the Treasury insisted, that the note should be phased out in favour of the coin. When plained that it cost a great

> But it is not intended to introduce a plastic note on the lines of that of that in use, and apparently highly popular, on the Isle of Man. There have en security objections to it does not have a watermark or a

Mr John Field, chairman of Bradbury, Wilkinson, the banknote company that developed the note in collaboration with Du Pont, the US chemical company, admitted that that was the main drawback, although being a low denomination there was less risk of this happening with the plastic

£1. "We do lots of other things to the paper that makes forgery difficult", he said. The Bank of England's own printing works company enjoyed a good relationship with the bank.

There are about 550,000 of the plastic notes, in the Isle of Man. The island's auditor, Mr Christopher Toyell, said he had been utterly astonished at local reaction since the note arrived a

month ago.
As for the £1 coins, the Royal Mint says there are 148 million in circulation. Demand

Mrs Jacky Butcher, the mint's public relations manager, said large numbers, as with all new coins, had been "piggy-banked". The coins, she said, were still being minted at the rate to be anticipated considering they were intended to replace the present note and

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# **Cable TV** gets more channels

Electronics Correspondent Eleven companies have been given approval by the Government to expand their existing cable television networks, en abling them to provide about new channels to their subscribers as early as next month. The networks are used to provide about two million people in Britain with the four

broadcast channels because of reception difficulties. The cable companies will remain responsible for ensuring that subscribers to their networks can receive all the broadcast signals in addition to any other channels offered on the expanded services.
The approved companies are British Telecom (Irvine, Miltor Keynes and Washington); Cablevision (Southall); Cablevision (Wellingborough); Greenwich

Cablevision: Philips Cable Television (Northampton and Trede gart: Radio Rentals (eight areas); Rediffusion Consumer Elec-tronics (53 areas); Telefusion (areas yet unspecified); Telefine (Princes Risborough and Wendover); Visionhire Cable (areas ver to be specified) and West

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Said.

Houghton admitted stealing The Victim of a plausible minister, Lord Glenarthur, outlined the details in a written parliamentary answer of De Houghton and he would prints valued at £17,000 from the victim of a plausible rogue, was jailed for two years.

## £21,000 for Sellafield death family

By A Staff Reporter The first payment under a voluntary compensation scheme for deaths that might have been induced by radiation

paid £21,645, the joint state ment said, in respect of his death from leukaemia in 1965. The dependants could have taken their case to court, but any decision would have been on an "all or nothing" basis according to the court's assess ment of the probability that the death was caused by radiation. The voluntary procedure, set



was announced yesterday by British Nuclear Fuels and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. Dependants of a former worker at the company's Sella-field (formerly Windscale) nuclear power staion had been

up a year ago, is designed to take into account varying degrees of probability, with provision for the payment of percentages of full compensation. sation. The amount awarded represented a half of full

compensation, the company



Party spirit: Sitel Odedra, aged 21/2, with Mr Kinnock Kinnock defends council

the people at the cutting edge of the cuts". He was visiting some of the facilities which the Hackney council says will be closed if the

Art thief posed as lord to dealers

"But if there was a danger of

home could not be the venue

ing by £21.6m.

American art dealers were ask dealers if they would like to

offered works stolen from the visit the library at his ancestral

Royal Academy by Sacheverall home to see the paintings and Houghton, Southwark Crown prints.

Court was told yesterday.

Houghton, aged 44, from people coming to visit,
Wandsworth, south London, Houghton would say the family

passed himself off as "Lord home could not be the venue Gordonstone", Mr Gerald because of restoration work," Gordon, for the prosecution, Mr Gordon said.

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, bounced a child on his knee at a day unresery in Hackney, London, yesterday, and said: "These are usy by Mr Patrick Jenkin, the meals at the article advention." Secretary of State for the Environment. Mr Kinnock, speaking at the

Leswin Road nursery in Stoke Newington, defended the coun-cil's spending record. Vital services to the young the elderly and the handicapped had to be protected, he said. Government proceeds with its plans to reduce borough spend-

> dealers. He was jailed for seven Michael Cotgrove, aged 37, a carpenter from Canvey Island,

the Royal Academy, paintings valued at £15,000 from the

Bishop Otter College, Chichest-

er, and obtaining money by deception from two London

# alcoholic Social workers and police in

she was due in court on a £1.20 shoplifting charge.

me, no one cares, so good bye". Dorset police said that the prosecution against Mrs Rob-bins had been initiated by the police in order to help her. She

Supt Hayne Russell said yesterday: "Each case is dealt

# had had many problems and had left six suicide notes over offer up other factors which

Mr Adrian Blunt, a social

# The musical Bugsy Malone is

Government meant to withdraw the note "in due course", and

and the £1 coin introduced this year would last about 40 years. On Wednesday morning Mr Fox said the £1 note was "central to everything" and begged Mr Ian Stewart,

into pockets and purses". The result had been a serious deterioration of notes in circulation.

said last night after the Prime

that will happen is not clear. "We have to assess it as we go along", it said.

metal thread.

takes care of production and research. Mr Field said his "They are fully aware of what we do and what is available", he said. "We do talk about it quite a lot".

has vision in the run up to Christmas.

were not a new denomination altogether.

# Economic good cheer from Chancellor

#### THE ECONOMY

The recovery that was occurring in the economy was giving great cher-to the British people and great despondency to the Labour Party. Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancelior of the Exchequer, said in the Commons shortly before the House adjourned

He said that provided the Government maintained firm con-trol of public expenditure he remained confident that it would be able to reduce the level of taxation during the lifetime of this Parlia-

He agreed it was particularly bad that the poor should pay such a large proportion of their income in taxation and there was a strong case for raising the tax thresholds as soon as he had headroom to do so

Mr Lawson said output this year was expected to be about 3 per cent higher than last year and there was morn for cautious satisfaction that the rate of unemployment now appeared to have levelled off. Air David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) said that if CBI figures were right, growth would only be 2

concern about the level of unem-riloyment but employment is rising for the first time since the recession

The Treasury has made its best forecast and its track record is considerably better than outside bodies. The forecast of the European Commission is that our growth next year will be higher than any country in the Community, as

indeed it has been this year. Ir Ian Lloyd (Havant, C): In the unlest of comments this (Thursstary morning on the radio on the tayourable OECD report on Britain's economy, did he hear the gratesque piece of economic blasphemy by Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor which symmeted to a rea her of discreptived innounted to a rag bag of discredited policies. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount it was more like one on

Air Lawson: He is right. Of course It Hattersley's record as a inceaster is well known. We comember, for example, that during

Subsidy of

£13,000 for

each man

Workers at British Shipbuilders

word I ringow vard on the Lower livde were subsidized by the British

taxpaver at the rate of £13,000 per

year per employee, compared with

in average for subsidy in merchant

shipping per employee per year of to tax) Mrs. I hatcher, the Prime

she told Mr Thomas Clarke

(Monklands West, Lab), who had

cust of paying for workers on the

intervention. It will be a tragedy i

people go on strike, thereby doing themselves out of jobs, because

shipbuilding orders are very difficult to get. There is a great deal

of competition for them in the

It is a tragedy if people strike themselves out of jobs at a difficult

time. This Government has already shown how much it is prepared to

do for shipbuilding. Since 1979,

some £850m of taxpayers' money, and merchant shipbuilding has been

Shipbuilders have received

linister, said in the Commons.

SHIPBUILDING

figures by the end of this

Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab): None of the major industrialized countries suffered a greater collapse in industrial and manufacturing output than under this Government between 1979 and 1983. When will manufacturing output return to its level of May 1979 - before or after

Mr Lawson: I do not know when manufacturing output is going to be at the 1979 level. What is couraging is that output as a cole in this country is already back to the level it was at the peak in 1979 and is continuing to rise. Mr Alan Hewarth (Stratford-on-

Avon. C): Having regard to the present rates of growth in the UK economy, he recently assumed the duties of Father Christmas and having regard to prospective rates of growth, will be now go further and as Fairy Godmother wave his magic wand to endow our friends in the United States with a mediumn-term finanical strategy?

Air Lawson: Not being in possession of a magic wand, I am afraid I am unable to peform that miracle, although it would be very desirable unemployment.

No lawson: Of course there is grateful for the role in which he concern about the level of unemployment but employment is raise. It is rather better than the Chest of Christman Box which he Ghost of Christmas Past which was that adopted by Mr Hattersley on

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that now the economy showed real signs of growth. As Mr Lawson gave his mind to tax reductions, it would be important to raise the tax threshold so that those on the lowest incomes were relieved of their problems.

Mr Lawson told him that there was a strong case for raising the tax thresholds as soon as he had headroom to do so responsibly, but the only solution (he said) is to have firm control of public spending. something the Opposition is antipathetic too.

Mr Aifred Dubs (Battersea, Lab) said that the Cabinet was going through desperate contortions to try to reduce taxes next April. If this were achieved, it would be at the expense of pensioners, who could not afford to pay their electricity hills, people on housing benefit and

subsidized by £6,000 per job per

Mr Norman Godman (Gree-

nork and Port Glasgow, Lab), a former shipyard worker, who later

raised the matter on an adjourn-ment debate, said the Prime

Minister had agreed to see him on this vital matter early in the New

Year. His community depended more heavily on shipbuilding and

marine engineering than any other in mainland Britain.

in mainland Britain.
In both human and financial
costs it would be better for Scott

Lithgow to complete the Britoil's order for the semi-submersible

drilling rig which Britoll had cancelled. Cancellation spelled

economic and social disaster for Inverciyde, and prospects for further orders would be bleak. The

company's customer image in the

tough marketplace, would be very

low. How could it survive the humiliation of losing this contract? Closure of the yard would be

inevitable, despite the false opti-

mism shown by Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Trade

and industry in the House on

Tuesday. Undeniably, Scott Lithgow had

suffered from managerial problems. There had been woeful inadequacies

in project management. But he readily acknowledged failures in

industrial relations on both sides. But workers had made significant

improvements recently in pro-

It would appear (he said) that the

ductivity and quality.

decent local government services which would be cut because of the Government's economic policies. Mr Lawson said the Government's

expenditure plans for 1984-85 were prudent compromise between what was necessry to maintain essential public services and to maintain a gradually declining proportion of total national output accounted for by public spending for the benefit of the economy and to ve room for tax decreases over the lifetime of this Parliament.

Sir William Clark (Croydon South. C) said Mr Hattersley had advo-cated on the radio tax reductions at the same time as an increase in public spending. That sort of policy would be disastrous for the conomy. It would not only increase overspending but increase interest rates. This would hit industry and

Mr Lawson: He is right, It would lead to a resurgence in the inflationary spiral which happened when Labour was last in office.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Coine Valley, L) said the increase in gross domestic product should enable the Chancellor to allow more public sector borrowing than he previously intended. This would make leeway for urgently needed cuts in taxes on jobs and on low you jobs and on low pay.

Mr Lawsen said he was glad Mr Wainwright, in contrast to Labour, sought lower taxation. The economy and the nation needed this. But (he added) the level of public

borrowing still needs to be brought down as a proportion of GDP. Mr Lawson added later: I am hopeful that over the next three years to be able to maintain the total volume of public expenditure constant in real terms.

Dr Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab), an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said-it would be better to look at the comparison with the American growth rate, expected to be 5 per cent next year and brought about by policies which the Prime Minister so viciously condemned recently. .

Mr Lawson: I am pleased, if a bit surprised, to see her enthusiasm for President Reagan and his policies. (Conservative cheers). It is not evident every day in the House.

The Americans have followed a tight control of the money supply.

Government is quite willing, indeed

eager, to ignore these improvements and to disregard the positive response of the shop stewards committee to come together with the management to hammer out an

agreement on job flexibility and

interchangeability.

He found the indifference and even hostility of some Government

Godman: Closure of

yard is inevitable

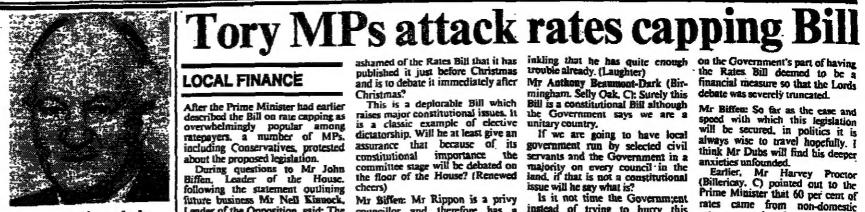
workforce deeply disturbing. If the Secretary of State for Scotland could

resign.
The total cost of cancellation and

closure, including redundancy payments, social security benefits,

repayments to Britoil, would be

suade his ministerial col-



Lloyd: Hattersley's economic blasphemy

not of the fiscal deficit. They have another advantage - there is no Socialist party in the United States.

Mr Kenneth Carlisle (Lincoln, C) asked whether the Chancellor had further evidence of a recovery investment in the United

Mr Lawson: Total investment in the first three quarters of this year is estimated to have been about 4 % per cent higher than in the same per cent fligher than in the same period last year. The December Department of Industry intentions survey points to a 7 per cent increase in industrial investment next year, including a 9 per cent increase in manufacturing.

Mr Carlisle: Would be agree that if this rend is to be consolidated in the new year not only will profits have to continue to increase but it is essential that interest rates start to come down again?

Mr Lawson: I share the importance he attaches to the level of interest rates. That is why the Government is determined to keep public borrowing under control and keep ing as a proportion of gros

One of the most encouraging aspects of this particular recovery has been the sharp increase in company profitability. Mr Enoch Powell (South Down OUP): is not the reduced level of

UK surplus on current account in 1983 an indication that less British capital was being exported in that year than previously? Mr Lawson: He is right. Because the balance of payment has to sum up to zero overall it must follow as a

logical necessity. However, he will have noticed the recent revision by the Statistical Office, a sharp upward review of invisible earnings over the first nine months, which makes it clear that the current account surplus this year will be agnificantly higher than forecast in the autumn statement. bout £96m. Cancellation penalties

and costs vis-a-vis suppliers and sub contractors would take the figure to

The Government's indifference

was creating in Scotland a Scottish

underclass of ex-miners and their

children, ex-textile workers and their children and ex-smelter workers and their children.

Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary

of State for Trade and Industry, agreed this was a dreadful crisis, distressing and depressing. Conservatives were not indifferent to

the huge social implications of it, but there had been bad working

Legal proceedings instituted erween British Shipbuilders and

Britoil's agents meant that he could

not discuss in detail the merits and demerits of what was a contractural

dispute. The issue between the two parties was sub judice. Since nationalization, the

over£100m.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the

ersonal thrift. We were all brough up to respect and practise prudence If the Prime Minister, after a lifetime of economy or as a consequence of a small occupational pension, were to lose between £1 and £5 a week in housing benefit how would she feel this Christmas?

three. He also neglects to remembe that we have one million pensioners

Mr Kinnock: Yet again she refuses

How would she feel if for no other reason than the dogmatism of the Government and obedience to unrealistic spending targets, she was to lose between £1 and £5 a week

Banks: Would she show some remorse?

shown frugality to provide for old Mrs Thatcher: Occupational pe sioners will lose, especially through the taper. The amounts have been given in answer to a question which he has seen. This Government, through the taxpayer, is giving

housing benefit to one in three

in the Rates Bill that it has it just before Christmas it just before C Bill is a constitutional Bill although

the Government says we are a unitary country.

If we are going to have local government run by selected civil servants and the Government in a majority on every council in the land, if that is not a constitutional

Mr Biffen: Mr Rippon is a privy Is it not time the Government councillor and therefore has a instead of trying to hurry this squalid little Bill through gave an absolute right to the House to discuss this constitutional issue in reasonable expectation of being called in the debate on January 17. I cannot understand why he feels it full committee on the floor of the necessary to make a preliminary House? (Cheers)

issue will he say what is?

Mr Biffen: The decision whether or Mir Edward Taylor (Southend East, not it should be considered in committee on the floor of the House C) asked him to make clear that the Government was not prepared to allow the appalling anomaly under will be for the House to vote upo Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersca, Lab). which agriculture was not subject to said it was likely the Government rates to continue. would have great difficulty in getting the legislation through the Lords. He asked Mr Biffen to confirm that there was no intention

Mr Biffer: I will refer that to the minister in charge of the legislation (Mr Patrick Jenkin) but I have an

published it just before Christmas

and is to debate it immediately after This is a deplorable Bill which

raises major constitutional issues. It is a classic example of elective

dictatorship. Will he at least give an

assurance that because of its

constitutional importance the

the floor of the House? (Renewed

cheers)

Mr Biffen: So far as the ease and will be secured, in politics it is

always wise to travel hopefully. I think Mr Dubs will find his deeper anxieties unfounded. Earlier, Mr Harvey Proctor (Billericay, C) pointed out to the Prime Minister that 60 per cent of rates came from non-domestic

ratepayers who had no direct Would she not agree (he went on) that the Government has an ultimate responsibility to protect

Mrs Thatcher: Only a minority of the electorate pay rates; that is one of the worrying things about the commercial enterprises are not system. represented in any way on voting register of the authority which they pay rates.

### **Provision** for those in need

#### PM's QUESTIONS

**LOCAL FINANCE** 

After the Prime Minister had earlier

described the Bill on rate capping as overwhelmingly popular among ratepayers, a number of MPs.

including Conservatives, protested about the proposed legislation.

During questions to Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, following the statement outlining future business Mr Nell Kinnock,

Leader of the Opposition, said: The

Opposition on both sides will be

resisting the second reading of the Rates Bill because it would make major constitutional changes and

and localized democracy which this

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham. C) asked: Will he consider withdrawing the second reading of the Rates Bill

and having a debate instead on the

Government's proposals for reform ing the rating system? (Lou Conservative cheers) Is it because the Government

House should defend.

The Opposition should accept tha it was necessary to have good live within a budget, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during question time exchanges in

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) had said it was a pity that she would not be able to visi his constituency to see the devastating effect that her economic and social policies were having, In addition to the unemployment rate there were 27,000 people on

social security and 65 per cent of lenants were receiving income Support because of housing costs.
While she was eating I Christmas dinner would she think of those people in Newham who could not afford to keep warm and the 44,000 others who would die of hyperthermia during next year? Would she show some remorse

Mrs Thatcher: By what he said earlier he himself gave evidence that those who are in need are provided for. The pension is higher than previously. Under us pensioners get a Christmas bonus which they did not always get under Labour. There is higher spending on the national health service and a record amount of help in fuel for those who need it

Opposition (Islwyn, Lab): She constantly emphasizes the value of

Mrs Thatcher: He neglects to remember that we are spending £3.400m on housing benefit and that it goes to one household in

who gained £I a week when housing benefit was introduced.

The great majority of those and no one on supplementary benefit will be affected by the changes in housing benefit.

to answer the question. Will she admit that the reason for the rise in social security expenditure is almost entirely attributable to the demo-graphic change which has resulted in more pensioners and the vast increase in unemployment and under-employment as a result of her economic policies?



the taxpayer, is giving

households. It is not government money, it comes from those who are already providing for their own housing costs and are often having to provide a housing benefit for

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South Lab): Whatever happens in Cal-cutta, the responsibility for the sick, disabled and handicapped in Newham is for the Newham bealth authority. The Government is cutting funds available to that authority by nearly £500,000 next year. How does she reconcile that action with her well-advertised view to be like Mother Theresa?

Mrs Thatcher: He does accurately respect the quotation, but do not expect him to do so. The last Labour Government actually reduced provision for the NHS in real terms in two of the five years they were in office. We are not going accept lectures from them

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP. (Plymouth Devonport): Fifteen million people in this country - on official figures - will be living at or below the poverty line this Christmas. Will she, if the economy improves next year, make a new year resolution that she will tax cut

If she were to concentrate a Ip reduction in the standard rate on child benefit, that would increase the half average family earnings by £3.90. If she concentrated on tax silowances it would only increase by 92p, and if she did it through the standard rate it would increase by only a miserable 35p. Mrs Thatcher: There are some

seven million who are living in families who are supported by supplementary benefit. There are many other different definitions of poverty. Many of the low paid get supplementary benefit and have incomes of about 40 per cent above

They are wholly artificial definitions. Those who are living in need are fully and properly provided whether be is asking me to put up taxation or put it down.

#### Nice gesture if CND had cancelled

It would have been a nice gesture if CND had cancelled a demon-stration held shortly after the Harrods bombing. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions when she ex-pressed sympathy for the bereaved. Mr Timethy Eggar (Eofield North, C) said: The public has been immeasly reassured by the in-creased number of police on the streets in central London over the last few days. On Tuesday, CND deliberately decided to stage a public demonstration, taking a number of police officers away from

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Should not the country and this House have expected at this time slightly more responsible action to be taken by CND?

Mrs Thatcher: We would all like especially at Christmas time, to place on record our thanks for the bravery and courage of the police families who will not have a loved one with them this Christa because of the bombings I agree with him, I think it would have been a nice gesture if those hwo had planned demonstrations and cancelled them in favour of fighting terrorism.

#### £ note may be retained

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during questions that the pound coin was not popular and she had reason to believe the pound note would be retained.

She agreed with Mr Marcus Fox She agreed with Mr Marcea Fox (Shipley, C) who asked: sould she take time during the recess to consider my adjournment debate this week regarding keeping the British pound note? Only as a last resort should the pound coin be universally introduced.

# Fortress policy not folly

### **FALKLANDS**

There must be a change of policy job at Scott Lithgow up to £25,000 per job. That was not indifference. Now (he said) we find our Britain could not go on allowing its resources to be drained away. Mr William Hamilton (Fife Central Lab) said during a Commons debate on the Fortress Falklands policy. He said the cost of the policy involved mind numbing figures over £15m every week up to 1985-86 to defend the rights of 1800 folk

Now (he said) we find our justification becoming thinner and thinner by the day.

Talking about closure would be premature. Two other vessels were being built in the yard. But cancellation would bring large scale about whom successive govern-ments had expressed no great ments had expressed no great interest. It worked out at about It was ironic that the workforce had shown no signs of resisting the call for national industrial action made by the shipbuilding union leadership. £1.5m per head. Even the Chancellor of the Exchequer was worried about the

pay for the Falklands folly. The Government should swallow its pride and begin to talk with the new Argentine Government

Mr Raymond Whitney. Unde Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said it was not the Government's choice to develop a Falklands fortress policy. Adequate defence was forced on them by the action of the Argentine military junta in April 1982.

I do not think (he said) we can be feekless and profligate in the defend of the important principles freedom, it was not the Falklands

Languages

plea by

teachers

Secondary school headteach-

ers have criticized. Like many

other educational bodies, they

say that the document is

One of the main criticisms of

the Secondary Heads Associ-ation, which represents 3,200 of the 5,000 heads in England and

Wales, is that Foreign Languag-

es in the School Curriculum

does not mention the curricu-

"A government that expects the curriculum to consist wholly

of courses examined to presen

standards at 16-plus, and to

include three separate sciences

cannot be surprised if the

second foreign language disap-

pears," the association says in

its response to the Department of Education and Science.

It proposes that the domi-nance of French be countered

by the introduction of founda-

tion courses in two languages.

seriously flawed.

#### COMPUTERS

Following criticism by backbencher MPs. Mr Jehn Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, withdrew a motion which would have enabled members of the House of Commons Services Committee to assemblies in Washington and Ottawa.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that in local government this would have been called a junket, though he was sure it was not. There would be headlines in the local newspapers about the cost to ratepayers.
The motion, which would allow the committee to take evidence

**US** visit questioned

remainder of the present session; automatically but Mr Rnoch Powell (Down South, OUP) rose to seek reasons for what he said was a change of considerable importance in the standing orders. There was precedents for the taking of evidence outside the realm

outside the United Kingdom for the

by select committees, but for the most part these had been restricted interests outside the UK. Mr Biffen said the computer sub-

committee of the House of Commons Services Committee wanted the opportunity of examin-

# Foreign buyers put expensive houses back in fashion

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

toreigners, according to Knight, Frank and Rutley, the international property consultants and estate agents. Partly because of that inter-

est. 1983 has seen larger houses come back into fashion, Mr Bill Yates, a partner, says. Well located expensive houses, many of them on the market for up to two years, have sold, and during the year the firm has sold a number of well-known houses for more than £1m, two for more than £2m. Such houses are mainly, but Yates says.

not exclusively, sold to foreign-

theatre is to become Britain's

first black community arts centre with the aid of a

£330,000 grant from the Greater

council are expected to agree

early next year on the revenue

needed to run the centre. A

GLC spokesman was unable to

predict yesterday how much money it would require, but said that an approach to the

Arts Council for support was

er this year because of a cash

shortage. The former railway turntable shed in Camden had

established itself as one of

London's leading fringe venues.

reation committee has put aside

£330,000 for vital repairs and

conversion work. An indepen-

dent trust, on which GLC and

Camden councillors will sit. is

to be established to run the

The GLC's arts and rec-

The Roundhouse closed earli-

The GLC and Camden

London's

London Council.

expected.

Butain is seen as a prospec- buyers outbid the British", he although they continue to be states. The reason for such

> country with good prospects for political and economic stability. "Rich people throughout the world like to hedge their bets. A personal investment in Britain a reasonable bet. To some it is a prospective 'bolt hole', no doubt backed by a substantial Swiss bank account. To those who can afford to buy, maintain and use a substantial house, which is also a work of art, this country is well stocked", Mr

not exclusively, sold to foreign-rs. At these levels, overseas were always Arabs, and

Mr Peter Pitt. chairman of

the GLC ethnic arts subcom-

mittee, said yesterday: "It is heartening to see the plans for a

black arts centre coming nearer

to fruition. I hope we shall not

have to wait long to see a

and varied cultural traditions of

suggested, but it could find itself confronted with a financial

crisis almost immediately if the

GLC is abolished as the

by Robert Stephenson in 1847

as a railway shed, and later

served as a wine store and

factory. It became a theatre in

The building has been the

venue for several artistic exer-

cises. In 1971, a performance of

Rabelais was stopped by two that since her far naked men who descibed its mother and

directors as bourgeois thieves. attempted suicide.

The Roundhouse was built

the black community".

Government itself.

the 1960s.

**GLC** to support minority

arts at Roundhouse

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Roundhouse

states. The reason for such important, they have been foreign interest, he believes, is joined by Chinese, Japanese, that Britain is perceived as a people from some South American and African countries, and

some North Americans. Mr Yates, writing in the firm's annual review, points out that there is also evidence that more British citizens are pre-pared to buy larger houses and take on commitments to extensive gardens.

Overseas buyers have been active, too. in buying expensive London houses. Mr Peter Kearon, a partner in Knight, Frank and Rutley, estimates that there has been a 20 per cent increase in prices for this sector.

Policeman

jailed over

£1,000 bribe

James Thomas, aged 51, a

police inspector was jailed yesterday for obtaining a £1.000

bribe from a restraurant owner who needed help with a drinks

Bristol Crown Court was told

that apart from losing his

freedom, Thomas, who had 27 years' service in the city force,

would lose his police house, a

Thomas was sentenced to 18

months' imprisonment, half of

it suspended, after being found

guilty of two corruption charges

and one of incitement to

attempt to pervert the course of

ustice. He had denied the

His daughter, Mrs Jill Williams, said after the verdict

that since her father's arrest, her

£24,000 pay-out on retirement

and a £100 a week pension.

Dr Brian Richards arriving at Heathrow airport yesterday,

# Accused doctor returns

Dr Brian (Dick) Richards, the sex therapy specialist, who is accused of plotting to murder his Harley Street partner, Dr Peter Stephan, flew into Heathrow airport yesterday from Los Angeles. Earlier, he had attended a

five-minute court hearing when his bail was reduced from \$525,000 (£367,000) to \$200,000. Dr Richards, who has returned to spend Christmas with his family, said: "I think it is becoming obvious that

someone has made a nasty mistake " "The judge has substantially reduced my bail and I think this is indicative of the way the whole thing is going. It is

trying to make a mountain out of a molehill. "I am due in court again on February 13 and while it is not

becoming obvious that they are

likely that there will be a sudden development which will mean I won't have to go, I wouldn't be surprised if something like that evetually hap-I am sure the authorities realize that in keeping me locked up for 23 out 24 hours,

with no watch, no exercise period and no chance to see he sunlight was perhaps a little over zealous." Dr Richards said that he was writing a book about the affair, to be called "The Murder That Never Was ..

That would also expose the inappropriateness for most pupils of the present O level and CSE system. "We believe that one of two foreign languages should be taught to all pupils, to an appropriate and recognized foundation standard, as part of

their secondary education. "The alternative, of limiting such teaching to pupil of a certain ability range, is likely to be counterproductive in terms of the perceived 'difficulty' of the subject concerned and is known to be divisive in terms of the remainder of the curricu-

The headteachers say that the consultative paper gives scant emphasis to the effect of the examination system on pupil motivation and that the improvements urged (in the increased use of foreign language assistants, for example) are becoming less possible because of spending cuts.

# Rival air route may close Prestwick

Scotland's international airport at Prestwick may face closure because of official Ayrshire coast a too far away to approval for direct services serve Glasgow effectively and ctween Glasgow and New

The Civil Aviation Authority decision yesterday to approve a British Midland service out of Glasgow marks a an important change in Scottish aviation policy and was described by Mr Norman Payne, the British Airports Authority chairman, as "flying in the face of common-

His organization, which runs both airports and opposed the British Midland application at a public hearing in November, is o appeal against the decision, which could well mean an extra £10m investment at Glasgow, and the waste of £25m spent at

Prestwick, Mr Payne said.

## of making bomb hoax call

west London accused of making a hoax telephone call about bomb in Selfridges store. Oxford Street, was made the subject of an "unruly order" by Hammersmith Juvenile Court yesterday. That means he can be detained for up to eight days.

The youth, aged 16, had denied the accusation. Mrs Noelle Mendelssohn, chairman of the bench told the youth he would go to a remand centre for one week, pending reports.

A pair of silver candlesticks. valued at £2,000, stolen from Cirencester parish church, in Gloucestershire, four months ago, have been found in a copse a few miles away.

British Midland which argued that Prestwick on the that the distance was diverting flights from Scotland, proposes to operate a 350-seat DC10 between Manchester and New York with calls at Glasgow. The lights will run five times a weck in summer and four in winter at fares roughly comparable to existing Atlantic fares.

Mr Michael Bishop, British Midland chairman, said he was especially pleased" at the designation, and Glaseow added that the airline would seek direct flights from Manchester to New York along with revocation of British Airways' licence for the route, unused for three years. British Airways says will consider restarting in

# Youth accused

A car wash attendant from

#### Candlestick find

#### Village votes for death pill in nuclear war

By a Staff Reporter People of a West Country village have voted by nearly four to one in favour of a suggestion by their local doctor, that he should be able to hand out "suicide pills" in a nuclear

The villagers of Congresbury. near Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, decided by 62 votes to 16 at a public meeting in favour of Dr Richard Lawson, aged 37, giving out lethal doses of morphine before an imminent nuclear attack. Dr Lawson, a member of the

Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weaponry, said he had called the meeting because some of his patients would stab. shoot or strangle their children rather than allow them to suffer the effects of radiation after a nuclear conflict.

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Soviet

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Maputo (AFP) - Eight Soviet

geologists kidnapped in northern Mozambique last August have been freed, two have died

in captivity and 14 are still being held by rebels of the

South African-backed Mozam-bique National Resistance ac-cording to a Soviet Embassy

official here.
The official said that the eight

had been freed in various

operations over the past few

months, and had all returned to

the Soviet Union.

# Arafat-Mubarak talks raise hopes for revived US peace plan

give King Husain the necessary

go-ahead and, as a result, the US initiative has been on ice for

Palestinians and "moderate"

him last April was largely due to the influence of Syria, which is

strongly opposed to the Reagan

plan. However, Syria has now

lost that influence over Mr Arafat because of its support for

PLO rebels during the recent

American officials concede

they are uncertain how much

influence Mr Arafat retains over the now deeply divided PLO. However, they believe he still

enjoys the support of a majority

of Palestinians living in the occupied territories and that he

will continue to be recognized

formally as the PLO leader by

fighting in Tripoli.

most Arab countries.

Mr Arafat's refusal to support

the past eight months.

Arab states.

ing in this week's evacuation of Mr Yassir Arafat and 4,000 of his fighters from Lebanon, has raised hopes in Washington that President Reagan's Middle East peace initiative can be revived carly in the new year.

US officials said they were extremely encouraged by yesterday's meeting between the PLO leader and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. Relations between Mr Arafat and Egypt have been under severe strain since the 1979 Camp David

US officials are hoping the PLO leader will hold talks soon with King Husain of of Jordan and give him the green light to enter negotiations with Egypt and Israel on Palestine auton-

acceptance by King Husain to join the negotiations on behalf of Jordan and the Palestinians as an essential first step towards implementation of Mr Reagan's September 1982 peace initiat-

. If Jordan agrees to participate then, according to the offical view in Washington, Israel will be forced to reconsider its rejection of the Reagan plan.

The President's peace plan calls for the establishment of a calls for the establishment of a self-governing Palestinian state Egyptian Foreign Minister, who

France and

US given

deadline in

**Beirut** 

Beirut (Reuter) - The Islamic

Jihad organization yesterday claimed responsibility for

Wednesday's lorry bomb attack

here and warned French troops

and US marines to withdraw

within 10 days.

The organization made the

claim and issued the warning in

an anonymous call to a foreign

The internecine fighting in the West Bank and Gaza "in held talks with President association with Jordan." Reagan on Wednesday, said Earlier this year King Husain Egypt still considered Mr Arafat held talks with Mr Arafat about the most popular Palestinian the possibility of forming a joint Jordanian-Palestinian dele-gation to negotiate the future of the occupied territories on the opened the way for a new basis of the Reagan plan. "political approach" to the basis of the Reagan plan. "political approach" However, Mr Arafat refused to Middle East problem.

If Mr Arafat were now to give King Husain the go-ahead to join negotiations with Egypt King Husain has made it clear all along he would agree to participate in the negotiations only if he had the backing of the and Israel then, it is hoped in Washington, the Jordanian ruler could obtain the necessary Arab backing at a planned summit meeting of the Arab League in Saudi Arabia on March 31.

technology.

When the so-called "sniffer planes" failed to discover a single barrel of oil, their promoters returned about half

backed such an expensive and

Inquiry into

safety

at Madrid

airport

From Richard Wigg Madrid

The Spanish Parliament

voted on Wednesday night to set up an all-party investigation

committed to try to find the

causes of the two recent air

disasters affecting Madrid air-

As unease about safety at the

airport grew, it emerged yester-

day that the pilot on an Iberia DC9 on a domestic flight from Valencia had to regain height as

he was preparing to land because a Trans World Airlines

Boeing 747 was still on the

The incident occurred only

nine days after the head-on

collision in fog at the airport between an Iberia Boeing 727 and a DC9 on a domestic flight,

which had apparently mistaken the runway. Ninety-two people

The latest incident was revealed by Senor Joan Lerma, Chief Minister of the Valencia

Regional Government, who

No complaints have been

made to the Civil Aviation

Authority by the DC9's crew.

and it seems clear that the pilot

had not been given permission to land by the control tower. He

was told to regain altitude and

Socialist Transport and Tour-

Parliament unaminously

ism Minister, speaking as

proved an investigation, took

the line that no administrative

or political responsibility exists for the two Madrid crashes. Spain's airline pilots however,

have severely criticized success-

ive governements for alleged

failure to install certain modern

safety equipment at the Madrid

Concern at

trial delays

in Italy

From John Earle Rome

One of Italy's best known

elevision personalities, Signor

Enzo Tortora, has been in

prison for six months as a result

of a police swoop on 900 alleged

members of the Camorra, the

Naples version of the Mafia. The accusations against him

are based on statements by

camorristi already in jail. Signor

Tortora has repeatedly declared

his innocence. After the police blitz, it was found that about

100 of those arrested were case

of misnomers or mistaken

Perhaps the most prominent case of preventative detention is

that of the 7 April group of left-

wing extremists around Signor

Toni Negri, a Radical deputy who recently fled abroad.

Arrested in April 1979, they were brought to trial in March

An Amnesty International

report said it considered that the period for which they were

identity.

travelled on the DC9 on one of

his regular visits to the capital.

runway.

were killed.

However, US officials say it is still far too early to predict with any confidence what will happen in the weeks ahead, But they feel that the latest events in Tripoli have presented the United States with a new opportunity which they intend to exploit diplomatically.

#### 30,000 greetings

Washington (AFP) - More than 30,000 letters and Christmas cards to Lieutenant Robert Goodman, a US Navy pilot, held prisoner by Syria since his plane was shot down on December 4, have been delivered to the congressional

# A fanatical 'family' to rival the Mafia

Whenever Mr Husain Mussa-wi - the man widely believed to assassinated President Sadat. attacks on American and French establishments in Lebanon and Kuwait - has sensitive information to communicate to his backers in Tehran, he finds it convenient to have his cousin and boyhood companion, Mr Mohsen Mussawi, occupying

news agency. A French soldier and at least 10 Lebanese civilians died from the blast. The male caller told the agency that his group would "cause a real earthquake" under the feet of French and US troops of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut unless they pulled out within

The Islamic Jihad is believed to be a fundamentalist group

willi des 10 iran. ... The force of the blast. estimated to have been caused by a ton of explosives packed into the lorry shook Beirut and many thought the capital had been hit by an earthquake. An apartment building collapsed

from the explosion. Islamic Jihad has claimed responsibility for most attacks on French and US troops since they arrived in September, 1982 including the two suicide bomb raids on October 23 which killed 241 American servicemen

and 58 French troops. On Wednesday a hitherto unknown group calling itself the Black Hand telephoned the Phalangist Voice of Lebanon radio station claiming responsi-

bility for the latest attack. It was revealed in Paris vesterday that France, whose forces in Lebanon were the main target on Wednesday night, is to begin delivery soon of a big arms shipment to the Lebanese Army, including 100 tanks and 10 combat and transport helicopters. This will dramatically increase the strength of the Lebanese Army. which is closely identified with Lebanon's, ruling Christians, whom the bombers and their supporters hoep to destabilize.
The AMX 13 light tanks have

90 mm gunds, while Gazelle helicopters on order will be fitted with anti-tank missiles. The Puma troop-carrying helicopters could also carry cannon and machine guns.

WASHINGTON: Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday that the United Stated had tried in vain to get other countries to join the four-nationa multinational peacekeeping force. Since the force was formed last August, 18 countries had been asked to join and 15 had declined

Mr Weinberger did not name the countries that had rejected the request. The United States has 1,800 Marines in the existing force, Italy 2,100 troops, France 2,000 and

Asked about Italy's decision to reduce its force by 1,000 men. Mr Weinberger said that this would only reduce its contribution to the original figure committed last year.

#### Earthquake kills 10

Dakar, Senegal (AP) - At least 10 people were killed and an unknown number of others injured yesterday by a powerful carhtquake in G uinea, West Africa, according to Guinea

state radio. The earthquake registered 6.3 to US geological scientists in

have been behind the kamikaze the post of First Secretary at the

Iranian Embassy in Beirut. The two men are equally Lebanese and Iranian as a result of their upbringing and family links in the two countries. They are part of an extensive family branches all over the Middle East, as well as nowadays among immigrants and diplomats from North Korea to New

In Tehran, distant relatives but fellow-believers include Mir Hosein Mussawi, the Prime Minister, and even Ayatollah Khomeini himself, though the bulk of the two men's business is done with a second-rank cleric, Seyyed Mehdi Hashemi, in charge of the Foreign Ministry's Department for Liberation Movements - more informally referred to as the

Department for the Export of the Revolution.

Mr Hashemi was wanted under the Shah's regime for the abduction and murder of a moderate mullah, Ayotollah Shams-Abadi, of Isfahan, Now he supervises the ideological and military training of foreign

Muslim militants, or "Islamic students". Defecting Iranian diplomats have told The Times that he has set up secret fundamentalist organizations in many countries, including the "Liberation Organization of Islamic Tunisia", and even the "Egyptian Unity and Holy Struggle Orga-

He is said to be devoting most of his time to the Arab countries of the Gulf, such as Kuwait and Bahrain, whose governments support Iraq's war

effort against Iran. Eack week dozens of boats cross the Gulf from Iran to these states under the cover of darkness. carrying smugglers, illegal immigrants, political refugees and some trained

Kuwait has about 25,000 legal Iranian residents and a further 55,000 illegal ones. There are also many influential Kuwaiti families of Iranian origin, many of whom identify with non-Arab Iran, whatever the colour of its Government.

Three months ago, one such Kuwaiti-Iranian. Mr Husain circle round Señor Enrique picion of fomenting religious unrest. A prompt Iranian warning to the Government of Kuwait secured his release.

What is new in the extensive network of Shia clerical families outside Iran is the resort to suicidal terrorism reminiscent of their eleventh-century force bears, the Assassins, Another novelty is the increasing number of militants from the Sunn branch of Islam making politi-cal alliances with Ayatollah Khomeini's followers among

the Shia. In many a Western capital, including Washington and London, young Palestinians. Syrians and North Africans. carefully cultivating a scruffy "Islamic" appearance, gather nightly in houses run with Iranian Government money repetitively chanting slogans in adulation of "the Imam" for many hours at a time. No TV

## UN force 'Lebanon's best alternative'

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Amid reports that the idea of parties in the conflict. Their replacing the multimational forces in Beirut with United Nations troops is being mooted in Washington, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Secretary-General, again stated that the UN offered the best alternative

for peacekeeping in Lebanon. In a UN press conference, he said that some of the difficulties encountered by the multinational force troops would escape the UN forces since their presence around Beirut would require a broad base of support, and the Soviet Union for their including approval from all the confrontational nuclear stand.

international stamp would make them less likely to be identified with one side in the The UN peacekeepers would

also serve under a unified command. Their mandate to carry only light defensive arms would reduce their risk of attack, since the sanctity of their mission would be undisputable. The Secretary-General also delivered one of his sternest

lectures to the United States and the Soviet Union for their

held before the opening of the trial was excessive.

The 'sniffer planes' scandal

# Giscard defends failed oil venture

appears to be taking a route

familiar to many politicians

and senior civil servants by entering a plea of national

Le Matin, the Paris daily,

quoted him yesterday as saying

**Outlawed Turks bare teeth** 

From Resit Gurdilek, Ankers

effect and gold prices and the

blackmarket value of foreign

currencies took a dive Mr Ozai

is also expected to lose little

time in introducing tax re-

The Prime Minister needs to

hasten not only to accomplish

what he was promised to do

within the next five years, but

also just to survive his term.

The extra-parliamentary oppo-sition has been getting uncom-fortably stronger and hostile since the military regime re-

stored democracy after ruling the country for more than three

Party, claiming widespread support and enjoying the backing of Mr Süleyman Demi-rel, the former Prime Minister,

who was banned from politics

for 10 years, has been particu-

larly active in showing its force.

Almost immediately after the nomination of Mr Ozal for the

the Canadian Press news agency. It was said to have

been made by Mr Eagleburger

at a private meeting about three

Within hours of the report

the United States Embassy

bere put out a statement almost

- but not quite - denying its

The statement said that Mr

Eagleburger had asked the embassy to say that the reports

of his comments were "grossly

The conservative Right Way

ductions and price increases.

A concerted campaign to of 40 per cent to encourage discredit Mr Turgut Ozal's savings, monetarist, anti-inflationary The move had an immediate

Storm breaks in Canada

over Eagleburger jibe

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Former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said last night that he was "scanda-lized" by what he saw as political exploitation of allegations that a state-owned oil company lost up to 500m frames (£41m) in a venture he sanctioned while in office to discover oil reserves with airborne electronic equipment. The former President was due to appear on television to answer journalists' questions on this issue. At the heart of the drama — which has its comical aspects — is the Giscard Government's agreement to transfer to Switzerland in the 1970s 1bu francs (£83m) to finance the new

M Valery d'Estaing: An experiment

apparently far-fetched project, the money. The rest is still missing. What M Giscard d'Estaing has to explain is not only why he and his Prime Minister, M Raymond Barre, but also why a report by the State Audit Court was de-

M Bernard Beck, aged 70, president of the court at the time but now in retirement,

programme has been launched by the burgeoning conservative and social democratic parties

barred by the military from

Turkey's new civilian Parlia-

In Parliament itself, the

Opposition has indicated it will

vote against the economic reforms but that is hardly a

problem for Mr Ozal, the Prime Minister, whose Motherland Party commands 211 of the 400

Mr Ozal is pledged to: Prevent inflation rising above 10 per cent by the end of his

term; end the lingering role of

the state in economy; reduce

industy.

unemployment; and restructure

The Prime Minister, outlin-

ing his policies yesterday said that there was "No time to

Indeed he lost no time in

decreeing a radical increase in

interest rates, to boost them above the current inflation rate

A tempest has broken over

some unkind remarks about the

Canadian Prime Minister, Mr

Pierre Trudeau, attributed to the American Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs,

Mr Eagleburger, known for

his plain talk and colourful

turns of phrase, was quoted in yesterday's Canadian news-

papers as saying that Mr Trudean's so-called peace in-

itiative "something akin to pot-

induced behaviour by an erratic

The comment was carried by

Mr Lawrence Eagleburger.

"even though the court is not the Ministry of Defence". This statement lends strength to reports that the promoters of the electronic system had claimed it would detect nuclear submarines and uranium, as well as oil.

Among the promoters are a Belgian named as Baron Alain de Villegas de Saint-Pierre, an Italian technician, named as Signor Aldo Bouassoli, and a lawyer, M Jean Violet. They and their associates appear to have persuaded both the Swiss Bank and the French oil company Elf Erap of the invention's many merits.

Two geologists were killed and total of 24 kidnapped when guerrillas attacked a mine in the In May, 1976, Elf Erap signed a contract with the Panamanian company Fisalma for further development of the system. The following year, Elf province of Zambezia. Two Mozambicans were also killed in the attack, and four other Erap got a new chief executive, were kidnapped. M Albin Chalandon. When told in secret of the airborne detecting system M Chalandon was sceptical. In 1980, the company cancelled the con-

premiership - and hence the official termination of the

military regime - the Right Way

Party ceremoniously recruited

to its ranks more than 100 former MPs of the defunct Justice Party of Mr Demirel.

transfer en masse of the whole leadership of the Grand Turkey

Party, which was banned by the

military for smacking too much

This flexing of muscles has

also attracted appreciative glances from the domain of the

officially approved centre-right Nationalist Democracy Party.

The Social Democracy Party,

another eminent force disquali-fied from the election and

claiming the support of the voters of the banned Republi-

can People's Party, has also lost no time in manifesting its defiance by reelecting Mr Erdal

Inonu, the son of Ismet Pasha,

the revered late soldier-states-

men, as its chairman last weekend. Mr Inonu had been

vetoed earlier by the military

Russians reject

Ottawa's claim

over Korean jet

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa

The Soviet Union has refused

to accept Canada's \$Can2.1m

(£1.2m) claim for compensation

sland on September I.

from heading the party.

of the outlawed Justice Party.

It was followed by the

#### Union in 'Times' dispute loses

Bonn - A labour court in Frankfurt ruled that the German print union which dis-rupted publication of an international edition of The Times during the 1979 dispute had

acted illegally.

The printing company was therefore entitled to damages, it said, and a court-appointed assessor will decide the amount.

#### Grenada aid

Mr Giles Bullard, the British High Commissioner for Grenada, was due to sign a £750,000 British aid agreement with representatives of the island's advisory council yesterday. It includes £650,000 for power and water equipment and £100,000 for technical help. including police advice and

#### Dancer's escape

Beverly Hills, California (AP)
- Gene Kelly, aged 71, the actor
and dancer, and his family escaped injury when their two-storey Rodeo Drive house was destroyed by fire. The house was a "total loss," a police spokesman said.

#### New spy chief

Canberra (AFP) - The Australian Secret Intelligence Sertratian Secret Intelligence Service has named its deputy chief, Mr Stuart Fry, aged 53, to succeed Mr John Ryan as head after a bungled training exercise at a Melbourne hotel led to Mr Ryan's resignation.

### Invincible 'no'

Sydney (AP) - Women antinuclear profesters in boats managed to paint the word "No" on the British aircraft carrier Invincible before police

for the families of eight Canadians killed when a Soviet fighter shot down the South Korean airliner over Sakhalin Sweeping panda Mr Alexey Rodionov, the Soviet Ambassador, was called to the External Affairs Depart-Peking (Reuter) - Qingqing, the giant panda who sweeps her own cage clean, is to become the ment to be informed of the star of a new television series in claim. He refused to accept China. She will be seen juggling delivery of a formal diplomatic cycling and carrying pails of



Instant wealth: Four nurses in Bilbao celebrate after learning that their ticket has won a prize in the lottery.

## 'The Fat One' works its annual miracle

"The Fat One" worked his annual miracle in Spain Yesterday, turning paupers into rich men and fulfilling the Christ-mas dreams of Spaniards all over the country.
"The Fat One," as the

Spaniards affectionately dub

er people, bestowed undreamed wealth on customers of a lottery shop in Bilbao, wrecked in this year's floods and later repened, and gave the country's gislators an unexpected payoff.
More than one-third of the

their huge annual Christmas f239m in prizes went to lottery, filled the pockets of thousands of Barcelona's poor-thousands of other big prizes went there. Inhabitants of the poor

neighbourhood near the Felipe II market in Barcelone got a bonanza. Merchants had dis-tributed tiny shares of ticket number 53,288 as a Christmas

number became worth £1,000. In the old quarter of Bilbao, families affected by floods had the consolation of £25m. Employees of the Spanish

share of only lip on that

Parliament, as well as some MPs, held lucky numbers.

# Kremlin cracks down on corruption

Moscow (Reuter) - The Kremlin, less than a week indicate the before a key meeting of its in control. Central Committee, yesterday He is ex gave warning that party first public appearance in four members were expected to months at next week's meeting produce results if they hoped to remain in positions of power.

week on the leadership on the ment. republic of Moldavia, Pravda published a front-page leading article, saying that a decisive

about-turn was needed.

Although the Moldavian party was criticized for inefficiency in a government decree only seven days ago, Pravda made it clear that the Kremlin had expected, and not seen an immediate response. "An essential improvement in on the Richter scale, according the style of working has not

occurred", it said. Golden, Colorado. They said the earthquake occurred at 4.11am and its epicentre was 100 miles north-west of Labe.

Occurred of its encourage of the analysis of the past, restating the tough disciplinarian line of President warning against sloppy ad-

Andropov and appearing to ministration, bureaucracy and indicate that he was still firmly

of the Communist Party's of how to organize things Central Committee or Supreme practically," the *Pravda* article In the second attack in a Soviet, the country's parlia-The attack on Moldavia, which lies between the Ukraine

and Romania, have been interpreted by some diplomats tained a clear criticism of as attempts by Andopov sup-porters to discredit allies of former President Brezhnev. Chernenko, thought to have been Mr Andropov's rival for

the party leadership, occupied

senior posts in Moldavia in the 1950s and maintained close control at the grass-roots level. links with the area.

smugness. "The most important thing is to insist on "personal responsi-He is expected to make his not the holding of meetings and bility", a phrase repeated in first public appearance in four the adaption of numerous yesterday's attack, with senior resolutions, but the knowledge

said. A report from Novosibirsk on regional party meetings, held in advance of elections to local administrative bodies, con-

complacency. "Platform speakers noted that a few comrades were obviously well-used to a One of those, Mr Konstantin soft job," it said.

The regional party elections, as always a one-candidate choice, could be an opportunity for Andropov supporters to take

One of the innovations of the

who had reached senior rank. Mr Andropov's line has been officials being criticized because of errors made at the lower levels of their departments.

Under Brezhnev, a more likely scenario was for a junior official to be made a scapegoat for a mistake higher up. An indication of how seriously the leadership regards the Molda-vian party misdemeanors will come at the Central Committee meeting when the local party chief, Mr Semyon Grossu, will be called to account.

Moldavia is a small republic with a population of about four million, ethnically and culturally linked to neighbouring Romania, of which it was once

## Senegal puts death toll in rioting at 24

Senegal has risen to 24, firearms. although eye-witnesses speak of Five policemen died as a the number of dead being result of the street filting and perhaps four times that figure. The bloodshed was the result injured. of a march on the provincial capital, Zinguinchor, by the Casamance separatist move-ment, which is agitating for and respect for the law. About independence from the rest of

The police had previous information on the planned march and are reported to have separatist movement threatens had orders to deal with it firmly. They had taken up positions in the city in the early there are reports that they just at the start of its busy opened fire on the approaching winter season, by last-minute demonstrators, said officially to cancellations.

The official death toll during number about 500. The demonlast Sunday's riots in the strators were armed with southern Casamance area of knives, bows and arrows, and

officially 120 people were

Poresident Abdou Diouf has reaffirmed his intention of 120 people were arrested and

have been moved to Dakar. The authorities severe reaction to the activities of the small to create a long-term dangerous situation. The important tourist industry in that area could also hours of Sunday morning, and be affected by the disturbances,

#### Swiss jail spy linked to S Africa case

From Alan McGregor

Caught red-handed in an espionage contact assignment, Mikhail Vasilievich Nicolaiev, aged 49, believed to be a Soviet military intelligence officer, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in Zurich yesterday after a trial in camera.

He was charged with espionage to the prejudice of another country - South Africa - and with carrying two American passports giving him different identities as Ronald Vincent Miskell, alias Dale Paul Nelson. The court said that his identity had not been established.

The sentence was the maximum in Swiss law for this form of espionage. His lawyer said an appeal would be lodged.

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Village ... for deal.

were announced yesterday by the European Commission. They are meant to save about £100m from next year's £1.000m agricultural budget.

The Commission is using its management powers to delay payment for produce which it buys at the EEC's fixed intervintion prices. In the case of milk. for instance, dairies will be paid a minimum of four months after delivery, rather than the present two-month ewe premium which will be

gap.
This delay, it is hoped, will their milk to buyers prepared to cushion pay quickly. In turn, this will put more milk on the markey and force down the price, making it less profitable for farmers to produce.

cereals, where payments will take three months instead of two. The Commission expects

Part of the savings from the 1984 budget will be nominal because money will have to be January 9. The Commission products, representing about paid eventually from the 1985 says agreement is the minimum £94m a year.

**India** says

'give us

back our

Koh-i-Noor'

From Michael Hamlyn

A shopping list of Indian antiques and works of art in Britain is to be drawn up by the

Indian High Commission in the Aldwych in London, including the Koh-i-Noor diamond, the brightest jewel in the Queen

The list will be used to bring

pressure on Britain to return them to India.

Mother's crown.

the common agriculural policy £210m. frozed in payments savings. from this year's budget, will have to be paid next year.

> British farmers will emerge comparatively unscathed by the present package. A freeze on beef livestock premiums will not apply because Britain is the only country where beef producers receive their cash on the carcase, rather than on the number of head.

Sheep farmers will receive the gap.

This delay, it is hoped, will force the daires to try to unload their milk to buyers prepared to delayed payments on dairy The commission intends to

produce another package early in the new year, which is expected to pare a further Delaying tactics ae also being £100m from the budget. This used on other produsts, notably will be done by imposing more will be done by imposing more rigorous quality standards on goods sold into intervention.

similar results, though they are difficult to quantify at this Ministers is being asked to return to the agricultural reform package rejected at the Athens summit when it next meets on

Measures to cut the cost of budget. In the same way, about required to provide essential

Ban lifted: The EEC has decided to drop economic sanctions imposed on the Soviet Union over martial law in Poland (AP reports).

None of the member countries wanted to renew the sanctions in 1984, so they will lapse on New Year's Day," a spokesman said, on the under-standing he would not be indentified. "There will be no formal announcement. The measures will just die quietly,"

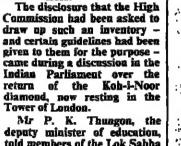
· The last meeting of the commission which could have proposed a renewal of the sanctions - a ban on certain Soviet imports - ended on Wednesday night without

The official said the 10 member countries decided the restrictions had served their purpose. EEC officials initially proposed a ban on Russian imports worth about £270m a year, but the list was watered down by member states to 60

# Britons plead for lives of Chirwas

sentence for treason.

Johnson, the London director of Amnesty International, they called on the Malawi High



deputy minister of education, told members of the Lok Sabha there was no inventory of Indian antiques in Britain, and furthermore Britain did not accept the principle that cul-tural property which had been acquired freely and legitimately over the years should be returned to other countries. But he added that India wonk continue to pursue the matter

through international forums. The minister cae under extremely strong pressure over the Koh-I-Noor, the 110-carat "Hill of Light", ceded to Queen Victoria in the treaty annexing the Panjab in 1849. Mr Sobramaniam Swamy, a prominent member of the Janata Party, declared: It is the demand of the entire country that it should be returned to us." He was vociferously supported by other opposition Mr Thungon had said somewhat naively that the question of a return did not arise as the Koh-I-Noor was given as a gift, by the Maharajah of Lahore, Duleep Singh. That caused a furious outburst, as well it might, since the poor old Maharajah had been obliged to make a free gift not only of the diamond but of his entire domain by British force of arms in one of the most

tion of the sub-continent. To calm the row, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Mr Balram Jakhar suggested to the minister that the question to be answered was whether the Maharajah was the proper authority to make such a gift.
"Was he independent to do

civil rights restored.

chief of staff and martial law

commander, released in 1980

military officers arrested in 1979 by President Chun Doo

Hwain, then an army major-

general, soon after the assassin-

In an investigation headed by

Major-General Chun, General

volvement in President Park's

assassination by his own secur-

ity chief.

He was among several senior

cynical actions of the coloniza-

By Heary Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

ended last month.

could be announced over the Christmas holiday, making it difficult to launch any appeals if

the decision goes against the Chirwas. Only President Banda would then be able to grant a

reprieve. Leaders of the Church of

Scotland are also preparing to intercede with Dr Banda, himself an elder of the church.

Dr Andrew Doig, a former Moderator, flew to Malawi to appeal on behalf of the Chirwas

Mrs Williams is a long-stand-

ing friend of Mrs Chirwa, while

Mr Chirwa himself was once a

junior counsel with Lord Elwyn-Jones. Both were said to

feel very strongly on the matter,

A Foreign Office spokesman

according to Amnesty sources.

touch with the situation

carlier this year.

Mrs Shirley Williams, the Banda, who will have the last president of the SDP, and Lord word over the Chirwas' fate. Elwyn-Jones, a former Lord Mr Chirwa, a veteran Malawi Elwyn-Jones, a former Lord Mr Chirwa, a veteran Malawi Chancellor made personal appeals yesterday for the life of Mr of Justice, was convicted and Orton Chirwa, the Opposition sentenced to death, along with leader in Malawi, and his wife, his former lawyer wife last May. Vera, who are facing the death sentence for treason.

But they were given leave to appeal, and this appeal hearing

Commission to deliver personal messages to President Hastings



# Cruise ban **Uganda lets**

Karlsruhe (Reuter) - West Germany's Federal Consti-tutional Court yesterday rejec-ted petitions seeking a legal ban on the deployment of Pershing 2 and cruise missiles.

The court ruled that deployment did not violate the country's constitution and it was not the court's task to judge political decisions. Germany is bound by a treaty not to manufacture or use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. The first of 108 Pershings

began arriving a month ago, and a Defence Ministry spokesman said they will be operational by the end of the year. West Germany is also due to

receive 96 of the 464 cruise missiles to be deployed in five West European countries, after the Soviet Union's fefusal to dismantle its SS20 rockets.

A wave of petitions from various factions in the country's big anti-nuclear movement had been filed with the court.

country, called the amnesty "a

South Korea will free

1,600 under amnesty

Seoul (Reuter) - South Korea The amnesty also restores vesterday announced an amnesty for more than 1.000 Choi Ki Shik. He was freed

criminals and political dissi- earlier this year from a three dents, including nine serving life sentences, who will either be fugitives involved in an arson freed from jail or have their civil rights restored.

year jail sentence for sheltering fugitives involved in an arson attack on a US cultural centre in the southern port of Pusan.

Under a presidential clemency order effective today.

1.623 prisoners, more than 1.400 of them common criminals, will be released, while convicted of involvement in the 1.000 armed civilian proficing in

another 142 people already 1980 armed civilian uprising in freed from prison will have the south west city of Kwangju.

their civil and political rights and four convicted of sedition.

Seung Hwa, the former Army political restrictions in the

#### refused **Rwandans** go home in Germany From Charles Harrison

The Ugandan Government has ordered local officials in Rakai district, west of Lake Victoria, to allow several thousand ethnic Rwandans to return to their homes in the area. The Rwandans were driven out after clashes with tribes in the area earlier this month.

Ugandan officials say orders were given for the Rwandans, many of whom have lived in Uganda for generations, to be uprooted - although nearly 100,000 other Rwandans who had been living in areas farther west were ordered into refuge camps more than a year

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees asked the Ugandan Government for information on the situation in Rakai, and was told that it arose from local tribal conflicts. Efforts are now being made to return the estimated 6,000 Rwandans to their former home in Rakai district.

Reports from the area say members of other tribes who looted the Rwandans' homes and cattle herds are now abandoning their loot as police try to track them down.

# Season of ill will and ingenuity: From Warsaw to Wall Street

Christmas in America

Jingle bells and

mounds of dollars

waterfall.

Coldstreamers, a grand piano tinkles in the lobby and a

choir of nubile girls carol

against the backdrop of a vast

rose marble wall which doubles as a Hollywoodian

The shops here are the kind

that do not have anything so vulgar as price tags. The female assistants are tail and

imperious and their lips.

coated in cruel lipstick, hover

You ask the price of a tee-shirt and they say \$38 unblinking and without shame, as the colour drains

from your face and credit

rich and corrupted is a silver

dog bowl, engraved "Dog", which Aspreys sell for £1,400. Special Christmas bikkies for

the spoilt brute which feeds

from it sell for £7. The bikky

makers, of course, are being sued in a lawsuit over the

brand-name.
The Cabbage Patch doll

craze, which swept the Day After craze from the television

creens, has calmed a little and there are fewer reports of shopkeepers being threatened and savaged by crazed moth-

ers. (American parents are

intimidated by their children, most of whom grow up to be-

The inventor of the Cab-

bage Patch doll, it hardly

needs to be said, is being sued

for millions by someone who claims he pinched the idea.

city, the spending frenzy is especially acute, and Christ-

mas shopping rages unabated all day and much of the evening seven days a week

Tomorrow: Christmas in Russia

Charles Dickens, visiting the United States, said "I'm getting sick of the sound of sleigh bells. The extra noise

created by crowds, traffic and

bells in an already noisy city makes New Yorkers cover their ears like Quasimodos.

Suddenly, earplugs are in big demand and earplug vendors are making money. Earplugs

You can see Santas, carry-

ing sandwiches in brown

paper bags, pausing on their way to work to press their

noses against store windows. There is much to astonish

them. For the man who has

everything there are £200

pillowslips for foot pillows, or, perhaps, a small piece of the spinnaker with which the

Americans lost the America's

It might be thought un-

American to sell a souvenir

tradition of turning a quick

buck prevails, and a spinnaker

fragment can be had for £850.

hotline there is a champagne

hotline you can call to get expert help if you have

champagne wornes. And wheth

Christmas is over psychol-

ogists will no doubt be

brought on to television to

explain to people why they spent so much and how they

can cope with their guilt.

in the land of the telephone

lost the America's Cup.

could be the next craze.

In New York, the imperiat

The present for the truly

on the brink of a sneer.

man's fondness for

Welcome

litigation, I once read, may be taken as evidence that he is

America, where litigation, encouraged by a glut of lawyers, is a national pastime.

and the courts echo to plaintiff

cries and the slap of writs.
The season of goodwill brings its own crop of bitter legal battles. Consider, for

example, the fierce argument

rending the town of Pawtu-

cket, which stands on the Seekonk river, in Rhode

Island. The Supreme Court

itself is sitting in judgment in

this matter.

The trouble has been

ignited by the local council's

nativity tableau, which has

figures of Joseph, Mary, the swaddled Christ, a dancing

elephant in a short skirt, a

chipmunk and Santa on a snowmobile. (It is, after all, an

American nativity scene).
The American Civil Libcrues Union pursed its lips at
this and sought a court order

preventing the council paying

for the tableau with public

money. It cites the consti-

tutional insistence on separa-tion of church and state and

contends that the council's manger scene is an illegal endorsement of religion.

The God-fearing Reagan Administration has sided with

the outraged council, but the National Council of Churches has not Indeed, some clergy-

men have signed a statement

saying you can have Santa on the rates, but not Jesus. A

cleric who expressed this view

on television was telephoned by a man who said "If you spoil my kid's Christmas I'll

Another Christmas lawsuit, in New Orleans, concerns Mr Al Copeland, owner of Popeye's, a fried chicken chain. The poignant part of the story is that he was once a poor boy who decided that when he grow up and forester.

when he grew up and became rich he would do as the local

wealthy nan did and decorate

his mansion lavishly at Christ-

chicken and today his man-sion has 250,000 fairy lights.

an 18ft snowman and piped

carols. The neighbours, how-

ever, do not like the great

crowds which flock to see this-

spectacle and are asking a court to order lights out. Mr Copeland says his neighbours

are grinches, American for

grouches.

Apart from suing each other, Americans are spending.

money like drunken sailors. It

is evidently a record Christ-mas, and delirious shop-

keepers are being dug out from mounds of dollars. This is

commerce rampant, in the

Santas are standing outside

the great stores ringing hand-bells, calling the faithful to spend. The mammonists of

Wall Street are paying each

other fat bonuses (top execu-

tives are getting up to 25 per

cent of their annual salaries).

and hurrying to Tiffany's, a surprisingly dull, brown store, where the most expensive

land of abundance.

He prospered on fried

blow your head off."

crackers.



Not the Harrods store: Shoppers bargain hunting in Buenos Aires at Harrods, a shop

# Santa dead drunk in the snow

Christmas in Poland, or at that mix an anti-alcoholic least its secular celebration, has message, with strong national traditionally fallen into two distinct phases. The first is a concentrated week of commercial ill-will during which sales staff scale new unimaginable heights of rudeness and shop-

the head of the queues. The second phase is a period streets, men lie motionless in the snow, and vodka flows like,

renouncing vodka in solemn oaths sworn in church. A number of Warsaw churches, Poles, mainly intellectals and Poles, mainly intellectals and students but also workers, bave been gathering to heart sermons that the Government is both swift business.

paign of urban terrorism by the

Peruvian guerrilla organization,

Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), which has produced dozens of attacks in the capital

since mid-October. General

death must cast serious doubts

heartland of Ayacucho, in the

south-central Andes.

plainclothes branch training Ayacucho. school, is the most senior officer. If the id

Carlos Herrera, head of the several hundred miles north of

to be killed in Peru's three-anda-half-year old guerilla war. His
capture will be the security

on reports this week that against the guerrillas. His wife, Sendero Luminoso had de-Catalina Adrianzen, also a clared a two-year truce in its leading senderista, was captured

south-central Anges.

A few hours before the mental collapse in prison.

shooting of General Herrera. The blacking out of Lima for the Interior Minister, Senor the sixth time in 18 months Luis Percovich, had announced earlier this week suggests that

trace of sympathy for Solidarity; a clearly political cocktail.

After the sermon and prayers, a pledge is read out "Taking God and society as my witness, in the service of the Fatherland.

by hiring babies or gangs of of man's dignity and liberation pensioners, to edge their way to repression and hatred. I solemnly sweat sobriety and renounce of abnormally high alcohol vodka during the period of the consumption. Drunken Father Jubilee Holy Year. So help me Christmases lurch through the God." That is the pledge encouraged by the Catholic church leader-

ship. But many priests and a This year Christmas Phase few lay Catholic activists have Two will be different. In a given the oath a sharper edge. protest against the Govern-ment, thousands of Poles are nence explicitly link the commitment to abandon vodka with the commitment to campaign for the release of political

Peru guerrillas break truce

The assassination in Lima of A former agronomy lecturer at ports emerged in mid Novemba police general appears to be a San Cristobal de Huamanga er that 32 peasants, including further escalation of the camuniversity in Ayacucho, Senor several young children, had

Diaz Martinez spent two years in China before returning to Peru in 1977 and going underground. He was said to

have been arrested in Huaraz, in the highlands of Ancash,

If the identity of Senor Diaz

forces' biggest coup so far

two years ago, and is reported to have suffered a complete

By Colin Harding

trying to sap the national will and earn revenue out of human. weakness. "Our fate, the fate of the nation, is being decided now. For the society to regain its rights, let us give up our weakness. Let us reject evil to gain strength." Thus goes one of

the more political pledges.

Every day one in 10 Polish workers is estimated to be

drunk on the job "It is easier to control a drunken nation than a sober one, let's not make it any easier for them," says one Warsaw University lecturer who has signed the oath.

But the sacrifice is not as large as it at first seems. The oath runs only until the end of Holy Year, that is until Easter. Moreover, there is no question of total abstinence - only vodka, the political symbol, is

involved. On the Warsaw black market yesterday, vodka was still doing

several young children, had been killed by soldiers and

counter-insurgency police units,

After laying the blame for the

slaughter on the guerrillas, the military commander in Ayacu-

cho, General Clemente Noel,

agreed to open an official

inquiry into reports by sur-vivors that his troops had been

involved. This was the first

official admission that the

security forces might have been responsible for any of the hundreds of atrocities and "disappearances" in the Andean

Killings have continued unabated in the rural emergency

zone, and last month two more

provinces, Lucanas and Huan-

cavelica, were put under Gen-

eral Noel's overall command,

bringing the total to 11. The

general claims that Sendero is being driven out towards the

periphery of its heartland.

guerrilla zone.

in Soccos, Ayacucho.

stocking filler is a necklace costing £1.4m - though most people settle for the £12 key

#### Many Christmas gifts will not work properly, but there are plenty of lawyers on hand to help people sue the shopkeepers. Almost next door, on New York's Fifth Avenue, stands the new Trump Tower, a pillar of preposterous decadence and opulence. The doormen are **Trevor Fishlock** got up in the red tunics and

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

A Christmas tree angel is only a genuine member of the host if it has wings, suitable white robes and is opening its month to sing Hallelujah, a Hamburg court has ruled.

seasonable dispute between the city's customs authorities and an importer of china figurines aspiring to the rank of angels. According to the Office of the City Treasurer, the importer maintained that his beatific wares, each shaped to hold a candle were Christmas tree decorations, and as such exempt from duty Hamburg's

otherwise, however, finding the

otherwise, however, linding the wonld-be angels peculiarly lacking in ethercal attributes, and slapped on hefty tax.

The court agreed with the customs men, basing its judgment primarily on the fact that the angels offered for cosideration had no wings. Wings, it opined. "Are in Western culture the guintessen-Western culture the quintessential distinguishing character-istic of angels". To show that this important legal precedent be thoroughly grounded, it added: "Although angels were represented as wingless in pre-christian times, since the fourth century the concept of an angel

# Court rules angels must have wings

This celestial judgment was handed down after an un-

customs imspectors thought

representation of wings."

# the capture by the police of Sendero's operational capacity Antonio Diaz Martinez, one of is unimpaired, despite official Sendero's leading ideologists, claims that the guerrillas are on and believed by the authorities to be one of the top five in the guerrillas' command structure. Boom in Soviet car industry - and any car will do

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The seven millionth Zhiguli car rolled off the assembly line not long ago and the Soviet car industry is celebrating. Soviet officials say that the Zhiguli, modelled on the Italian Fiat. The main opposition Demo-tratic Korea Party, which has car, namely "con amnesty include General Chung demanded the lifting of all and efficiency". has the best qualities of a family car, namely "comfort, reliability

Most Russians would say that while that might have been true most welcome move". when Fiat first set up its
The amnesty follows a gigantic new plant at Togliatti government decision. an- on the Volga in 1970, Zhigulis nounced on Wednesday, to have become increasingly unallow 1.363 students expelled comfortable, unreliable and general, soon after the assassin-ation of President Park Chung strations to return to their for home and handed over to universities. Earlier this month local management. Many are the government also said it already queueing up to get on would permit reinstatement the waiting list for the new from next-year of 86 professors removed from their posts in 1980 for anti-government ac-produced in conjunction with

the French firm Renault. The

present Moskvich is nearly 20 consumer demand, and the years old and the new French-authorities are now trying, if not styled model is due to make its long awaited appearance on Moscow roads in 1986.

On the other hand, for many would-be car owners any car at all would do, since production cannot keep pace with demand. As Soviet consumer expeca car no longer seems an unattainable dream. The result is not only a huge waiting list but also a thriving black market in second-hand cars.

A new Zhiguli costs about 10,000 roubles (£8,000), equiva-

authorities are now trying, if not to stamp it out, then at least to control the black market. As usual with illegal dealing, it is the Georgians and other sou-

therners who are in the forefront of the used car business. On patches of waste land on the outskirts of Moscow tations continue to rise, owning you can see hundreds of prospective buyers bargaining with the owners of second-hand vehicles, many of which would scarcely pass muster even in the most run-down London car lot.

But sporadic attempts to 10,000 roubles (£8,000), equiva-lent to four years wages for an unlikely to subdue what seems everage worker. An astonishing to be an irrepressible Russian number of Russians are able to desire to own a car despite all provide the cash and willing 10 the obstacles and difficulties, join the queue. But with new Officials say they want to avoid cars and spare parts in such the "negative consequences of short supply, private enterprise uncontrolled automobilization" has moved in to fill the gaps in and have held back develop-

ment of a network of repair and service stations. Certainly facilities for the motorist remain rudimentary. There are only 38 petrol

stations in Moscow, 21 of them for foreigners and diplomats only. Car batteries are defitsitny - temporarily unobtainable - so are windscreen wipers, with the result that most prudent car owners carefully remove theirs whenever they park and put them back on only when it starts to rain. Thefts of car parts have soared, and some Russians are reluctant to buy the more claborate Zhiguli models in case they are stripped of all external

The huge eight-lane highways which radiate from the centre of Moscow like the spokes of a wheel have not yet become clogged up with traffic. But they are not as empty as they used to of spare parts.

gadgetry.

be, and the Moscow traffic system, which is based on a complex system of ring roads intersecting the boulevards, is not designed to cope with the heavy traffic of a modern city.

One improvement now being planned is the installation of automatic traffic lights. Most of Moscow's traffic lights are still manually operated, with a traffic policeman perched above the road in a glass control-box

Even when automation arrives, however, the traffic police will stay on in strength, if only to bring traffic to a halt when some high level official comes thundering down the middle of the road from the Kremlin in his black limousine with curtains on the windows. For the clite there are no shortages of new cars, no traffic fines, no traffic jams, and plenty

#### US-born bishop murdered in Nicaragua

Mangua (Reuter AFP) - Rebels shot dead an Americanborn bishop after kidnapping him near Nicaragua's northern border with Honduras, the Government announced yester-

An official radio announcement said Bishop Salvador Schlaefer, aged 65, was killed by right-wing rebels when "putting

Mgr Schlaefer, the Bishop of Bluefield's on the Atlantic coast, was scized with an American priest, Wendolin Schafer, and two Miskito Indian lay churchmen earlier this week • ROME: The Pope said yesterday that if Bishop Schlaefer had been murdered, "it would be very sad news which covers this pre-Christmas time with sadness".

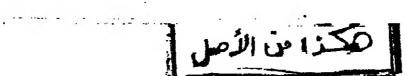
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**Family Business** 

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It is only the reminiscent Spirit of Christmas Past that forces the confession out of me: this week is the exact fiftieth anniversary of my first film, I hasten to add (since ordinarily I would never admit to much over forty) that I was a very tiny creature indeed. Only the suitability of the film, which was Paramount's Alice in Wonderland, and the fact that as a babe in arms I got in free (money was tight in the Depression years) could explain that first cinema outing. Even so I remember the circumstances clearly. It was a matinee, but it was already dark and snowing hard when I was carried home. I was wearing brown corduroy leggings of the kind in which they then coddled children: and while these were being peeled off I was shown the book and the Tenniel illustrations, and marvelled how these people had arrived home before me.

From that moment I was booked. utterly, on the cinema and insisted on being taken again and again, however unsuitable the film. They cannot have paid much heed to the British Board of Film Censors at the Plaza and the Corn Exchange in Lincoln, because I remember being scared to jelly by "H"-certificate films. More agreeably, the reprobate W. C. Fields, who was Humpty Dumpty in that Alice, became a passion. I saw every film he played in, could not distinguish him from my flesh-and-blood uncles, and worship him to this day. From that moment, at Christmas 1933, my fate

and futyre were determined. Is such precocious formation good,

bad or inevitable? The moral of the story is not clear. One purpose of telling it, though, apart from indul-gent reminiscence, is that it shows how, at one time, the cinema industry really took note of Christmas, and made and showed films that would grab family audiences at a time when competing distractions, not to speak of seasonal colds, would otherwise have decimated attendances. They recognized that in the Christmas holidays children can twist parents round their little fingers. All the cinemas had to do was to pull in the children; the families would follow. This seasonal principal went back at least es far as 1899 when Georges Mélies's tableau film Cinderella played all the music halls refined enough for children to be taken to

Those days are gone. The compe-tition of television is too great and no one bothers any more. There is nothing at all seasonal about the current releases; Never Say Never Again, Jaws 3D and Trading Places, with Flying Sex, Private French Lessons and Let's Make a Dirty Movie for more recherché adult tastes. The single exception is Disneys' Christmas double bill of The Jungle Book and Mickey's Christmas Carol. Just to prove that there can still be life in old market formulas, it is doing very nicely, thank you.

Of course it may be that the cinema trade reckons that today's Computer Kids want not cartoons and fairy tales but the sort of electronic special effects which are the principal purpose of this week's two commer-

cial releases. In films like Close Encounters of the Third Kind and Star Trek: The Motion Picture and Blade Runner Douglas Trumbull, who had already directed Silent Running, established himself as the king of special effects. For Brainstorm he was producer, director and supervisor of the special effects, which use 70mm Panavision film. The story is about two research scientists, working for a commercial company, who develop a device

combined sensations of the human intellect, imagination and emotions. Their first elation is rapidly dashed as they see their discovery exploited by their ruthless employers and, con-verted to a brain-washing device, by the military authorities.

The film struck the worst of possible luck. Natalie Wood, who plays the estranged wife of the male scientist (Christopher Walken), died before her part was finished; and, despite cunning patching and restruc-turing, it leaves this central relationship rather sketchy. A bigger draw-back, even so, is that the imaginative conception of the script (by Robert Stitzel and Philip Frank Messina, from a story by Bruce Joel Rubin) falls far short of the technology of the

effects in sophistication.

The woman scientist (Louise Fleicher) dies of cardiac failure but before departure has the presence of mind to bitch herself to the machine so as to record all the sensations of death. Death, however, turns out to be only a flight of animated soap bubbles rather like double-exposure picture-postcards of the 1900s. The denouement to effect the undoing of the villains simply degenerates into low farce, as Tatiesque electronic robots run amok and set upon their masters. After that it all simply comes inconsequentially to a halt.

Krull, directed by Peter Yates, combines sword and sorcery with space. The story is fairly incomprehensible. Set on the far-off planet Krull, it manages to combine elements of Homeric and Arthurian romance (some of the characters have Celtic-sounding names like Colwyn and Ynyr). Romeo and Juliet and Beauty and the Beast and King Kong. The princely hero battles with the Beast on behalf of the heroine, variously abetted by character parts (Freddie Jones) and make-up jobs (Bernard Bresslaw's self-conscious Cyclops).

All among the rigmarole there are visionary moments - a giant spider'sweb, or the disintegration of the



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Douglas Trumble directing Natalie Wood in her last film, Brainstorm

Beast's castle - though the most magical effect of all is provided almost without trick work; the ride of the Fire Horses, a thundering herd of lovely white Clydesdales.

Family Business, directed by Tom Cohen and filmed by Tom Hurwitz, is a slice-of-life anthropological study of two aspects of Middle America: the family and business. Howard Snider is a former Marine lieutenant-colonel now struggling in the manacles of a Sharkey Pizza Parlour concession, assisted by his large, loyal and rather bored family of wife and eight

The intention of this kind of slice-

of-life cinéma verité, filmed at length. with a minimum of editorial intervention, is to permit the people to reveal themselves and their inner feelings and motives. In fact they rarely do this, any more than people reveal themselves in real life, even without a camera there. Consequently we find ourselves a great deal more fascinated by the mechanical processes of making and marketing pizzas than with the rather elusive sentiments and relationships of this pleasant, moody family facing the odds of Reaganomics.

Yari Lyubimov, whose production of Tristan and Isolde in

Bologna was reviewed on this

page earlier in the week, is to

stage Rigoletto at next year's Maggio Musicale in Florence. It

will open the festival on May 5.

Lynbimov will again be working

with the British designer Stefa-

nos Lazaridis, who provided the sets for *Tristan*.

Countess Almaviva's aria from

Figaro, "Dove sono", Dame Kiri seized with relish the

opportunity for intense and

Similarly four of Canteloube's Chants d'Auvergne

proved well suited to her. Simple their slightly naughty

messages may be, yet they demand a voice of extraordi-

nary flexibility and at the same time an intelligence that can retain the unblemished pastoral

atmosphere which pervades

them. Dame Kiri achieved just

the right flavour, as she did in

the three arias with which she

ended. Scarcely a breath was

perceivable in Juliet's romance

O quante volte" from Bellini's I Capuleti ed I Montecchi, while

every ravishing gasp was made to tell in Puccini's "Vissi d'arte"

and "Donde lieta" from operas

far more famous, Tosca and La

Between her groups of songs

the South Yorkshire Opera

Chorus, conducted by Terry

Hobson and accompanied by Peter Rhodes, sang heartily and in English a wide selection of choruses. The sopranos may

wobble slightly, but this is a well

balanced choir with a gratifying-

out that she will be killed like

royal disco dance and aerobics

class, and staging the downfall of David Henry's frock-coated Haman in a Chinese restaurant,

Rice and Lloyd-Webber

sung narrative, fairy-tale cha-

racterization and danger-defus-

ing dance music are there for

their own sake, and the effect is

There are some good voices in

the company; and Amanda

Redman does more than the

book to persuade you that the

heroine's heart is in the right

half-hearted.

leaves the drama unexplored.

Stephen Pettitt

ly strong line of tenors.

ber

subtle characterization,

flexible best.

Bohème.

### Opera

interestingly grainy voice. Eduardo Alvares grows through his performance as a Manrico whose dramatic spirit is willing even when his steely tenor grows weak. Natalia Rom, from Leningrad, is also a little short of stamina as Leonora though she sculpts every minute of her small-scale performance with exquisite care.

The entire evening is focused by Cynthia Buchan's Azucena, a performance of almost infinite shades of vocal and dramatic emotion which will surely grow to be a great one in another time, another place.

Hilary Finch

Kanawa/South Yorkshire Opera City Hall, Sheffield

What better way for South Yorkshire Opera, a vital amateur company, to raise funds for next season's productions than by luring Dame Kiri Te Kanawa to Sheffield to give a gala concert with them? Only, of course, to make doubly sure of an audience by inviting Richard Baker along to intro-

duce it. Dame Kiri, accompanied tastefully by John Constable, began with some beavy-handed Handel. "Care selve" sounded almost like a Schubert song, though there was more fire to

'Non disperar chi sa?" But Mozart brought out better things from her. A poised "Chi sà, chi sà, qual sià", beautifully shaped, preceded a reading of the touching concert aria Nehmt meinen Dank"

To the Young Vic authors, Edward Oliver (lyrics), all it offers is a pretext for an anachronistic comedy they could have subtitled "Evita and the rest of her tribe.

Otherwise, the task of translating biblical scenes into a like a rabbit, out of his conjurer's box by her magician uncle Mordecai, Esther joins in developed their style to tell a story; here the same tricks of

imperial microphone. The authors have trans-formed Esther and Mordecai from Jews to Medians, so that, when the villainous Prime Minister Haman gets the pogrom going, they go to ground in a Median resistance cafe run by the ousted Queen Vashti. There is one electrifying

Along" were one example of his subtlety.

antiseptically

The sombre reflection of "Embarrassment" and "Our "Ош House" have the same funnypeculiar intensity of vintage Ray Davis but the recent hit The Sun and the Rain" is more idiosyncratic and experimental. I get the feeling that the group have reached the point of no return with this transition. They performed old stalwarts like "Baggy Trousers" and "The Prince" with good cheer and little conviction. Madness' integrity has never been in doubt

## **Television** Deftly delightful

offer enough to sustain a fullits strength.

A recently-widowed woman and her two sons, aged 19 and 17, move from their Northum-berland tenanted farm to sink their fortunes in a hill farm of their own in the Scottish border country. From this Michael Wilcox developed - from his stage play, which won him an award in 1981 – a study of their relationships with each other, the land, and the outside world which never lost its hold.

It was an intimate piece of work including a keenly-ob-served examination of adolescent sexuality and a daunting portrait of the hazards of life on a hill farm. The family come to terms with their differing compulsions and each other while skirting bankruptcy and potentially hazardous personal encounters

Robert Smeaton and Michael McNally played the elder and younger sons respectively: the first impulsive, inclined to be

On the face of it, the story sexually predatory but not behind last night's Channel 4 without sensitivity; the second film Accounts did not seem to more disciplined in his behaviour and leaning towards a less length feature film but in the orthodox type of sexuality that event its simplicity proved to be would, one might think, cause the odd problem in such a hardy community.

In their contrasting roles both did marvellously well, giving an impressive portrayal of sibling rivalry and affection. As their mother, Elspeth Charlton also convinced. All three looked at home, someone having taken the precaution of giving the boys, naturally most in contact with the mud and the blood, a pre-filming stint on a farm.

These were their first acting roles, which says much for them and the director Michael Darlow, who handled this delightful, moving and picturesque film defuly. I note that he comes from Newcastle so that none of the Geordie dialect, which gave me moments of incomprehensibility, would trouble him at all. Despite these little thickets when I was at a loss with the sound, I thought his film the most refreshing so far from

Dennis Hackett

# London debuts

Flexible partnership The most finished playing of Trio, a sympathetic, well co-the week came from the ordinated performance of con-Australian flute and harpsi-siderable first-movement chord due of Vernon Hill and Roger Heagney - not surpris-ingly, in view of their considerable experience at home. Besides a close blend of refined and mellow tone, their partner-

ship was distinguished by intimate give and take; sonatas by Bach, Handel, Mozart and the little-known Michael Blavet David Robinson emerged all the more stylish and piquant because so truly shared. Fine breath-control enabled Mr Hill to sustain Bach's slow cantilena with more intensity than often heard from a flute. Mr Heagney's velvet fingers in their turn encouraged his Rubio (after Taskin) harpsichord to sing in a way Haydn might not have thought possible

> David Tele's quiet command of his cello and poised, truthseeking musicianship found ideal outlet in Bach's taxing unacompanied Suite in D, given a clear-cut, purposeful sense of direction without any suggestion of an interpreter at work. This American's full, warm tone and infinite capacity for taking pains were valuable assets in Beethoven's E flat Variations and Debussy's Sonata, too, though the French work, in particular, needs a touch more intensity and temperament - from the reliable Myriam Teie at the piano

when writing his solo Sonata in

Clashing debuts only permitted appraisal of Sweden's Garcia Trio in Schubert's B flat siderable first-movement breadth, and in an explosive movement by Shostakovich played as encore. Here, any earlier suspicion that the group's leadership came from Ingemar Edgren at the piano was routed by the biting urgency of Gustavo Garcia's violin and Goran Holmstrand's

Of the week's two pianists, the Korean Hyung-Kyu Kim played early variations by Beethoven and Scubert's A minor Sonata, Op 143, with such incisive articulation and rhythm, and so positive a response to contrasts of mood. that it was easy to condone the forceful dynamic level at which she chose to project this music and five Temperamental Sketches by her compatriot Isang Yun. But in Chopin's 24 Preludes her insistence verged on the insensitive.

Attempting to extract the last drop, the American pianist Barry Goldsmith often sacrificed stability of rhythm, elegance of line and beauty of tone. Bach's B flat minor Prelude and Fugue and Beethoven's late A major Sonata were unstylish in their impulsive flexibility, and even Berg's highly-strung Op I needed a firmer contour besides greater textural clarity. Except for a slow but commendably poised funeral march, Chopin's B flat minor Sonata emerged no less militant than his "Revolution-

ary" Study. Joan Chissell

## New York Broadway invalid sent back to bed

Theatre in

Doonesbury: Laura Dean up in arms with Keith Szarabajka

Broadway, suffering from an alltime low of new shows and reduced attendances for a new season, came at least temporarily alive with the opening of Peter Brook's La Tragedie de Carmen. The stunningly simple staging, rapturously received by most New York critics, is particularly effective in the confines of the Vivian Beaumont Theater, whose future is much in dispute. Brook definitively shows that the Beaumont's problematical space can be commanded to serve not only large-scale productions but small-cast, intimate, emotionaly piercing drama.

The two musicals opening just after Carmen sent Broadway's fabulous invalid image right back to hospital. Many critics fell upon Marilyn (Minskoff Theatre) as if it were a mad dog, but this sometimes earnest salute to Marilyn Monroe is only a sad pink poodle. The product of a committee of composers and producers, the show has some touching moments largely due to the poignant acting of Alyson Reed in the title role, but it is too fragmented to hold either as

a tribute to the late star or as general entertainment. The combination of kitsch (Las Vegas-type numbers, costumes and sets), intrusive characters like three performers representing destiny and onedimensional supporting characters, including Marilyn's virtually nondescript three husbands, make the show more resumé than biography. Miss Reed imitates Monroe's voice movements convincingly and sines well on her own, and as her adoring fan Willy Falk proves a show-stopping singer in his Broadway debut.

Theatre), with book and lyrics

(Biltmore Doonesbury

by Garry Trudeau, based upon his comic strip about US college life and politics, is a pleasant little show. The music of Elizabeth Swados, a composer whose signature is eclecticism so pervasive it belies individuality, is lively but sounds at least 10 years old.

Wedded to a book about graduating students whose offcampus home is threatened by a wheeler-dealer, the show has no satiric sting and emerges as an amiable entertainment likely to attract youths and Trudeau fans, but too middling to lure general audiences at Broadway prices. The ingratiating cast of 10 boasts an especially fetching singer-dancer named Laura Dean, who brings back all the good connotations to the word out sets and Jacques Levy's

The remaining new Broadway offerings resemble more a bland diet than a list of shows. Directed by and starring Carroll O'Connor (television's Archie Bunker), Brothers (Music Box) was the only original drama scheduled for this season and closed after one performance. His tale of a patriarch (Mr O'Connor) vainly trying to hold together his family and shipyard union had echoes of All My Sons and Death of a Salesman. but so faint that one longed for the sound of Arthur Miller grinding his axe. Limping along is Amen Corner (Nederlander Theatre), based upon a James Baidwin play about a Harlem evangelist, which distinguishes

Zorba (Broadway Theatre) is buoyed by Anthony Quinn's performance in the title role and bubbles whenever Lila Kedrova

Ign Johnstone S.TIMES



same performer who made a

praisworthy Broadway debut

last season as a matinee idol-

like Rodolfo in A View from the

Bridge, died aged 29 from an

Most positive are new play:

Japanese culture for the themes

of two one-act oblique love stories encased in ritualized

power struggles. The director

choreographer-actor John Lo

stages both with a keen ear and

eve for the interplay of silence

and sound, action and stillness.

possible to drive it crazy. A new

Durang note, one of reconcila-

tion, evolves by the end and

into the rare writer in whom

inventiveness and craftsman-

ship become fast friends.

Christopher Durang's Baby

exciting talent.

comes onstage as an waiflike courtesan. Al Pacino gives out star quality - along with tetchy mannerisms - in a revival of David Mamet's American Buffalo (Booth Theatre) which has become more noted for its offstage than onstage drama. James Hayden. so belivable as Mr Mamet's pitiful young junkie Bobby that

cute". Peter Larkin's droll cutstaging move the show briskly.

itself as a strange hybrid - a gospel musical without soul.

A revival of the tepid musical

#### II trovatore Grand, Leeds

Viva Verdi! Civil war has arrived in Leeds: not 1410 with the struggle for the throne of Aragon, but Spain in the 1930s. Leonora's house, the gypsy camp and the prison are all found within a decrepit railway siding, a handsome set by Micheal Yeargan with all the intricate iron-work and missing panes of frosted glass so dear to the theatre of revolution.

The action for the Anvil Chorus is provided by pick-axes hacking a long-dead railway-line and a few rifles being hit together; Azucena sings aloft an army truck which carts her off; and, at more harrowing moments, clouds of steam rise from the sidings as from the last expiring puffer.

The rest follows suit. Indeed the weakness of Andrei Serban's new production for Opera North is not that it imposes extraneous points but simply that it is rather pointless. Unlike Lavelli's Norma in Bonn, which it so closely resembles, it provides little opportunity for its protagonists to sharpen the original work on the whetstone of their newlyshaped roles.

So the music has to work rather harder. Alas, under the baton of Yan Pascal Tortelier, making his British operatic he was unrecognizable as the debut, it generally does not. There is energy enough, but it is light and fickle: every dotted rythm becomes perky, every triple metre a waltz with too little time spent feeling Verdi's pulse.

overdose of heroin shortly into American Buffalo's run - an Kansas-born James ironic and sad end to an Dietsch is as yet a rather that cozed childish innocence awkward Grunt, though with an and charm, and by contrast in

by two of our best younger playwrights. Sound and Beauty Swan Esther (Public Theater) shows the Chinese American dramatist David Henry Hwang turning to Young Vic

> The obvious word for Frank Dunlop's outgoing Young Vic production is "unpretentious". provided nobody takes this as a recommendation. For anyone setting out to turn the Book of Esther into a musical, it is necessary to have a few pretensions.

with Bathwater (Playwrights Horizons) demonstrates that The legend of a Jewish girl occasional comparisons of his who becomes Queen of Persia, at a time of Jewish extermiapproach with Aristophanes are apt. Here he dramatizes, with nations is a wonderful source his customary fury and anarchic for a political dramatist. The humour, the premise that the way to raise a happy, healthy name of God never appears. What do appear are the themes is to do everything of racist power and male supremacy; coupled with an elegantly ironic revenge plot containing numerous highly-charged ambiguities and puzzies gives hope that he may mature to excite the inventions of anyone retelling the story.

Holly Hill

Pop music Madness



Bible, where Esther, saying she can do nothing to help, changes her mind when Mordecai points Nick Munns (music) and J.

Theatre in London the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. First produced. the royal beauty contest, proclaiming her love for the King amid the jeers of the other girls, and steps forward to deliver a Don't cry for me Medes and Persians" proclamation into the

moment, straight out of the

them Madness are capable of disguising everyday vignettes with a sardonic layer of glee; this artifice does not disguise

the innate seriousness of their

best numbers.

While the singers Suggs and Carl Smith swapped roles, the one as deadpan as the other was extrovert, the band rocked around a startling variety of styles from the clipped R&B of "Bed and Breakfast Man" to the psychedelic reggae of "Grey Day". Mike Barson's keyboards are the fulcrum of Madness music. Usually content to flesh out the sinuous rhythms of the drummer Woody and Mark Bedford, he occasionally added evocative leads that transported the sound to New Orleans; the

Irving Wardle jazzy vibes chords on "Moving

but they may have finally outstripped even their own expectations.

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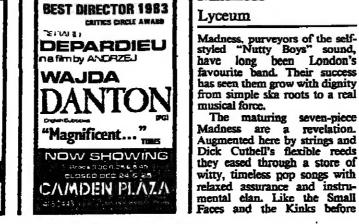
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# **SPECTRUM**

Violent death and torture are shattering the peace of rural Namibia as South African units battle to hold the line against guerrillas

Michael Hornsby visits the bush where the

seeds of civil war are being sown each day

# A land in the shadow of terror

Namibia, only a few miles from the Angolan border, is normally a sleepy place: a Lutheran mission station with a small church and clinic and a scattering of tribal kraals, the traditional stockaded enclosures of thatched huts fashioned from stakes driven into the ground, near which a few scrawny cattle seek what nourish-

ment they can from the dusty soil. It is typical of the peasant-farmer settle-ments in the border region along the

On the day earlier this month that I and another journalist visited Mpungu, however, it was bustling with unwonted and unwelcome activity. The day before a known informer used by the South African security forces had been shot dead in broad daylight by an unidentified assailant who then ran off. The killing was presumed to be the work of Swapo, the South West Africa People's Organization, which has been fighting a bush war for the independence of Namibia, as South West Africa is now known inter-

nationally, for the last 17 years.

The pastor, Nathaniel Shilongo, had immediately reported the incident to the nearby army base at Nepara. It was clear, however, that he was still regarded with intense suspicion by the white South African soldiers and camouflaged black members of a special anti-guerrilla unit known as Koevoet who had descended on Mpungu just before us in two of the wedge-shaped, mine-proof personnel carriers which are the main conveyance of the security forces.

Founded by Finnish missionaries in the last century, the Evangelical Lutheran Ovambo-Kavango Church, ELOC for short, now has an almost entirely indigenous black clergy, unlike the Roman Catholic church which is still largely run by white missionaries from Germany. It is the biggest church in Namibia and the South African security police tend to regard it as the ecclesiastical arm of Swapo, an organization that paradoxically also features in government propaganda as the godless agent of international commu-

Nervously mopping his sweat-beaded brow, Pastor Shilongo recited yet again his version of the shooting incident for his unwanted visitors. He

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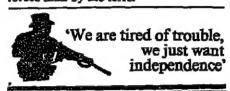
Christmas presents:

personalities and win a prize

Match the gifts to the

had good reason to be worried. The far north-eastern Kavango area of Koevoet - the name is Afrikaans for "crowbar" - operates as a special wing of the South African police, and has earned a notorious reputation for brutality.

Its twin functions are "interrog-ation" and "elimination" of Swapo agents and guerrillas, a brief which its members interpret liberally. Supposedly, like other elements of the security forces, it exists to protect Namibia's civilian population against the terrorists, or "terrs", as the South African authorities always refer to Swapo. But most villagers will tell you that they feel far more threatened by the security forces than by the terrs.



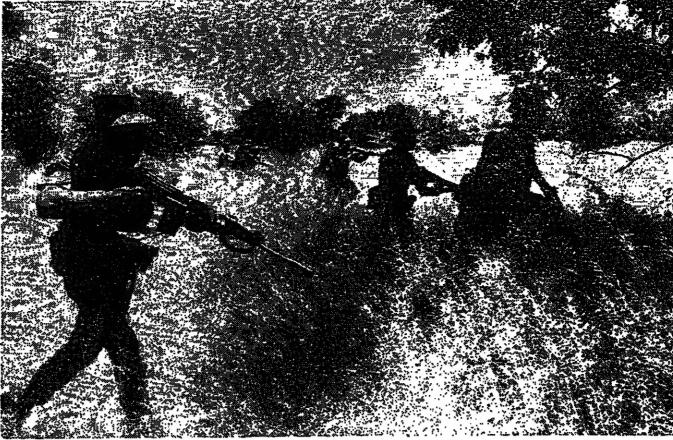
In Rundu, about 150 miles east of Mpungu, another Lutheran pastor, Johannes Sindano, who was detained for three weeks earlier this year under draconian security laws modelled on those in force in South Africa proper, told us: "People are very, very frightened of Koevoet. They are more frightened of Koevoct than of Swapo because they see more of them."

Beatings and harassment are said to be routinely used against anyone suspected of withholding information about Swapo. Koevoet, whose mem-bership is 90 per cent black, and the security police have the worst reputation, but young black Namibians recruited into the South West Africa Territorial Force (SWATF), which is now estimated to account for about 14,000 of the 50,000 men (including logistical back-up) which South Africa has in the territory, are also accused of bullying, intimidation and worse. Like Koevoet, the SWATF operates under white leadership.

Ndara Kapitango, a 63-year-old refugee from Angola, claims that some time last June two drunken bushmen soldiers of the SWATF came to his kraal near Mpungu, beat him up and held him over the fire on which he had been preparing his supper. He lost consciousness and was left lying at the edge of the fire. His right arm had to be amputated and he is still in the

Christmas Eve

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patrol: "Most villagers say they feel more threatened by the security forces than by guerrillas"

Mpungu clinic recuperating from appalling burns. Army sources say two soldiers have been "disciplined" for the incident.

"I fear a lot of people will be beaten up in the next few days (because of the shooting of the police informer),"
Wilhelm Mpasi Setentu, the local
headman, told us in his kraal on a low hill overlooking the Mpungu mission.
"They started beating people up yesterday. We don't mind being questioned, but they beat us when we do not give the answers they want."

The white-haired old man, who remembers working as a kitchen boy for a German officer before the First World War when Namibia was still a German colony, then recalled, through an interpreter, a visit to his kraal last June by a group of white and black soldiers who accused him of helping Swapo. "They took my grandson outside, and fired a shot. We thought he was dead, then they came back and said that child is dead, now we are going to shoot you', and they pushed tha barrel of the gun against my forehead".

The old headman insisted that he had never had any contacts with Swapo. "People are confused. If you are on the side of the government, Swapo may kill you. If you are on the side of Swapo, the government beats you up and causes you trouble. So people don't know who to support. We are tired, we just want independence, because then the Boers will leave, and there will be peace.

That is a widely expressed sentiment. The guerrillas do, undoubtedly, have considerable support in Kavango. even though their main stronghold is in Ovamboland to the west. But many people are simply tired of the endless harassment, violence and fear.

The insurgents exercise their own forms of pressure. Villagers may be forced to supply food to give medical aid. Headmen who cooperate with the security forces are sometimes mur-dered. Last July Swapo guerrillas in eastern Kavango abducted two black members of Koevoet by night from their family Kraal, where they were on leave. They bound their hands behind their backs, led them into the bush and

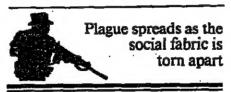
The killing unleashed a wave of retaliatory "interrogation" by the security forces, several of whom later claimed to have been beaten and given electric shocks while in detention.

The South African army is now chiefly occupied with maintaining control over a wide swathe of southern Angola. Military spokesmen coyly admit that the army patrols the area regularly and that units often spend weeks at a time inside Angolan territory. The aim is communication between Swapo's Angolan-based mili-tary command and its guerrillas operating inside Namibia to the south.

The task of hunting down the guerrillas has been increasingly "Namibianized" by turning it over to Koevoet, which, although it is not thought to have more than 1,200 men. is currently credited with more than 80 per cent of Swapo "kills". The unit's existence complicates the search for an independence settlement.

Formed about four years ago, Koevoet operates in small groups under the command of white South African police officers. Its headquarters are in Oshakati in Ovamboland, and it is jointly controlled by Brigadier Hans Dreyer, a former chief of security police in Natal and police headquarters in Pretoria. Koevoet's existence has only recently been admitted, and much of what it does is still shrouded in

A spotlight was turned on the unit earlier this year, however, when an inquest found that Jona Hamukwaya. A primary school teacher, and Kaduma Katanga, a peasant-farmer, from the same village in Western Kavango, had been beaten to death within hours of being detained by Koevoet con-stables who claimed that "all teachers are Swapos". All that has happened so far is that two Koevoet men have been fined small sums of money for acting over enthusiastically



In a more recent case, Jonas Paulus. another Koevoet member, was sentenced to death for murdering a village headman in Ovamboland last January. During his trial, Paulus told the court that when guerrillas were suspected of being in an area, a Koevoet unit would go from Kraal to Kraal interrogating their inhabitants. "If they won't give us information, then one of our group assaults them, slaps them with his open hand, or beats them with a rifle

Paulus also confirmed that Koevoet constables are paid about 350 rands a month (about £210), a salary which can be matched hardly anywhere else in the declining local economy. They also get bonuses, or "head money", depending on how many guerrillas their section kills in a month.

He also disclosed that Koevoet members are often issued with Sovietmade AK 47 rifles, the same weapon as used by Swapo. He himself was masquerading as a Swapo guerrilla when he committed the murder for which he was sentenced. This has lent credence to widespread allegations that Koevoet members sometimes dress up as Swapo guerrillas. If villagers offer food and shelter, they are allegedly beaten up or worse.

It is rare, however, for Koevoet members to be brought to book. Under the Defence Act, they are protected against prosecution if they can show they have acted "in good faith" in counterinsurgency operations.

There is also a tendency to condone the Kocvoet's rough methods on the grounds that, as one magistrate out it. terrorists are not handed to you on a

The war is being contained in the sense that its cost is probably almost indefinitely sustainable by the South African exchequer, and in the sense that it is an obscure and remote conflict which seldom impinges on the consciousness of an outside world with much else to worry about.

The long-term cost to Namibia's social fabric, as the diplomats and politicians argue interminably over the territory's future, is bound to be severe. Thousands of civilians have been driven from their homes by the war in Ovamboland, and civilian health services have largely collapsed. There has been a rapid spread of bubonic plague over the past year. Now there is the fear that South Africa could be sowing the seeds for a civil war as they draw more and more local people into the fight against Swapo.

# *moreover...*Miles Kington

# Full Marx for old celluloid

me is the season of films on BBC "starring the Marx Brothers, Judy Garland, Michael Caine and Cary Grant". None of the films with this allstar cast has ever been seen before, and me and my video recorder are going to be watching them all, and to hell with carol

First off is Bringing up Alfie, a sparkling comedy in which Cary Grant and Indy Garland find the eight-year-old Michael Caine on their doorstep, with a note saying: "Please see this boy gets a good education or failing that, enough to eat, yours, Groucho." Michael Caine has such a good time being brought up that next week they find Groucho, Harpo and Chico in a basket on the doorsten. Most of the plot thereafter centres on whether Cary Grant or Michael Caine has the fake British accent.

Next is Meet Me in Casablanca, in which Judy Garland plays an itinerant singer trying to get to St Louis, but who has had the misfortune to book her passage with the Rufus T, Flyswat agency and ends up in Casablanca working as a chambermaid in the Imperial Hotel (proprietors: the Quasimodo brothers). Harpo turns in a Quasimodo brothers). Harpo turns in a beautiful cameo part as the brother with the hump, which he keeps détaching and putting on other people. Anyway, Cary Grant is the world-weary millionaire who books in at the Imperial and falls in love with Judy, who unfortunately is in love with Caine, the British spy. This film contains the famous scene where Chico is playing the winn in a club and Grounds. playing the piano in a club, and Groucho bursts in shouting "Don't play it again, Sam!" and shoots his brother, though not

The six of them only made one thriller, The Watercress File, which stars Michael Caine as the food correspondent who has the secret of a foolproof mayonnaise, which the Russians would like to get hold of Judy Garland and Cary Grant are the ot. Judy Garland and Cary Grant are the American couple who unwittingly get it instead and are pursued by the Russians, who want to kill them and Harpo, who wants to stop Judy Garland singing. Groucho persuades Michael Caine that he must kill Cary Grant to get it back, to which he replies: "But I've never shot a man before," and Groucho says: "You can't go amound shooting women all your man before," and Groucho says: "You can't go around shooting women all your life". They compromise: Groucho agrees to shoot Judy and Caine agrees to shoot Harpo, who is limbering up for a harp solo. The end is somewhat confused, but it involves Cary Grant attempting to sing and setting mayonnaise all over his face. Perhaps the least successful of the films they made is The Marx Brothers go to Philadelphia, in which Cary Grant and Michael Caine play two missing Marx. Brothers, Blotto and Hippo. All five of them fall in love with Judy Garland, but she prefers to run off with James Stewart. who was on loan from MGM at the time. There is a baffling scene in which Harpo' tries to enter a camel for the Kentucky Derby, but this is now thoug lest-over sequence from Meet Me in Casablanca.

The greatest of all their films, on Boxing Day, is of course The Idiot of Oz, in which Groucho plays the title role, Judy Garland plays herself and Chico plays a piano in mid-air dangling from a balloon. Cary Grant for some reason speaks in an Australian accent throughout; it is now thought that he was misled by the title into thinking that the film was set in Australia. Harpo is superb as the Tin Man; every time he wants a meal, he simply wields a tin-opener on himself and produces a steaming casserole.

The opening scene, where everyone is picked up by a catastrophic hurricane in Kansas and transported thousands of Kansas and transported thousands of miles, has never been bettered, certainly not in the recent remake The Day After. I shall always treasure the great moments from this film: Groucho picking up a brick from the Yellow Road and saying. "I knew this road when it was a public lavatory in Philadephia": Cary Grant, as the lion, being tickled to death by Michael Caine; Harpo's Tin Man playing an alleaburations have a but why so on? an all-aluminium harp - but why go on? It will all be happening over Christmas and old films, surely, are what Christmas is all about

# The vexatious path to a state of Satie-ty





Erik Satie and Reinbert de Leeuw: a Christmas best-seller

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Almost 60 years after his determined Dutch musician, surprise hit marks the fulfildeath, Erik Satie, unques Reinbert de Leeuw, has ment of a 20-year-old amtionably the most eccentric recorded Vexations combition. He first rose to the of classical composers, has plete, 35 times on a single challenge of Vexations in shocked the bourgeoisie once long-playing disc, itself to be played 24 times to achieve composer John Cage hired a contract of the contract of the

A quirky bachelor of Franco-Scottish parentage. Satie's intention.

De Leeuw, a 45-year-old team of pianists to play the premise that sheltered under such absurdly irrelevant names as "bureaucratic vatorium in The Hague, sonatine", "desiceated emoty variations, woodenly, with sonatine", "automatic descriptions", "automatic descriptions", "intimate and secret musics" and "The I-want-wou waltz" He did give one The record has all the charm pianist and his handful of you waltz". He did give one The record has all the charm planist and his handful of literal title, however, to a 90- and subtlety of a water-listeners were ejected from second motif that he called torture session. Yet, to the premises at lam, having Vexations and he ordered it astonishment of everyone heard Satie's theme only 117 to be played 840 times involved, it has become one times. without a break.

"furniture music", sounds weeks ago, the first batch of have been heard muttering that would serve the same records sold out immediately that an awful lot of people function as wallpaper. But and Philips were desperately are buying Christmas pre-sents the age of muzak cabling for more. dawned many began to take For Dc Leeuw, described Satie's philosophies very by admirers as "a conscriously indeed. Now, a noisseur of tranquility", the

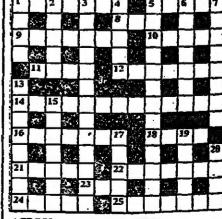
of 1983's Christmas best-sel-

This instruction was lers. Last month, it was industry, however, can exlaughed off at the time as yet another of Satie's oddities, as record in The Netherlands. of Satiefying monotony, implausible as his concept of Released in Britain two although some executives

No one in the record they dislike intensely.

Norman Lebrecht | 22 Rnn

# CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 231)



ACROSS
1 Sketch (7)
5 Nominates (5)

9 Oder region (7) 10 Leans over (5) 11 Rouse (4) 12 Strictly correct (7)

14 Sovereign's eldest daughter (8.5) 16 Mischievous (7) 18 Exchange (4)
21 Projecting wood
piece (5)
22 Have need of (7)

Financial support (3) 24 Live somewhere (5) 25 Surface growing (7)

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4 Grip firmly (5)

13 Animated (8) 15 Innocent girl (7) 17 Throng (5) 19 In reserve (5) 20 Do business (4)

10 Eureka 11 Volt 12 Stampede 14 Eminenzariste 17 Starkers 19 Exam 21 Adores 23 Nousal 24 Arz 25 Trendy 26 Eolith
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Beating the drug habit

Short-sighted swot

old wives' tale, there is plenty of

statistical evidence supporting the

But nobody knows why the link exists: it may be genetic or it may be

Protagonists for an environmental

link argue that short-sighted chil-dren probably find games a bit of a

struggle so they naturally prefer to

read or entertain themselves with

games they can see - which all tend

The relevance of these different theories is that it is now possible to

correct short-sightedness surgically.

The technique was developed in the

1950s, but was not used much until

that the Russians were having high

Only in the last couple of years

has more solid evidence emerged

from the United States that some

short-sight can be corrected by surgery. The main drawback is that

permanent damage to the eye surface may occur inadvertently

Barrier methods

Striking an acceptable balance between effectiveness and convenients

(easy to use and very effective) and streets ahead of a diaphragm (laborious to insert) and an intra-uerine device (probably an abortefa-

But recent Lancet reports linking

long-term Pill use with cancer of the breast and cervix have frightened the

most down-to-earth women. Next year will see the launch of a

tives. The first, probably on the market in mid-summer through

clinics and chemists, is the dispos-

able contraceptive sponge.

The initial clinical trial has been

completed at the Margaret Pyke

Centre in central London and

compares the relative effectiveness of the sponge and diaphragm. Walli Bounds, research coordinator at the

centre, says her results are being

processed at the moment and will be

But this trial should be little more than a formality. The sponge, which

is soaked in spermicide is much

simpler to insert than a diaphragm.

has already been given UK licence and previous trials suggest it is just

as safe as a diaphragm if used

Looking further ahead, Mrs

Bounds is waiting for the go-ahead to start a trial on the Contracap - a US

invention. The Contracap, a perma-

nent diaphragm, is left covering the

cervix for between six months and a year. It is designed with a valve mechanism so that excretions can

flow out, but sperm is stopped from

In last Friday's Medical Briefing,

it should have been made clear that all frozen poultry should be tho-roughly unfrozen before cooking.

Olivia Timbs and

**Lorraine Fraser** 

available early in the new year.

contraceptive.

convenience is the hallmark of a good

women the Pill has

always won the day

were unsubstantiated reports

environmental.

to be a bit cerebral.

Success rates.

Swots, as every schoolboy knows,

always wear glasses. And, although many

people believe the

ink between intelli-

gence and short-sight is no more than an

Speculation is running on three fronts about why Liz Taylor has been admitted to a clinic to recover

from the effects of long-term drug

The least likely culprit is slimming tablets. These used to contain

amphetamines, because of their

appetite-suppressing qualities, but they have been known to be dangerous for some years and are no

longer used widely to help people to

The second possibilty is that she

The third suggestion is that Miss

has become dependent on pain killers taken to ease arthritis.

Taylor may have become addicted

to tranquillizers, which is an internationally recognized phenom-

Joan Jerome, organizer of Tranx,

a self-help group to support people

trying to reduce their intake of tranquillizers says that 1,200 people have been in contact with Tranx

since it was launched a year ago. "At

a rough guess 30 to 40 per cent of the people I have spoken to are men", she says, refuting the idea that this type of addiction is entirely a

Joan Jerome has a DHSS grant for

running the group in Brent and Harrow, though she has a network of

contacts all over the country setting-

up affiliated self-help groups.

There is no fee for joining Tranx,

although participants are asked for a donation. Most people make initial contact by phone. "We send out a

consent form and a chart for

reducing the drugs taken, and

then provide support", says the

problems and provide mutual support though it may take many

months for a person to readjust to

Anyone who is interested in

News that David

Griffiths was treated

by acupuncture to

relieve severe kne

pain was given just as much coverage last weekend as his

triumph in sinishing

joining Tranx and lives in the Brent

and Harrow area can phone 01-427

the 2,330 mile marathon from

Peking to Hongkong to raise money

for disabled athletes.

Few people now doubt the value of

acupuncture in relieving chronic

pain but western doctors, brought up

to believe in the causality of science.

Studies have already implicated one major biochemical in relieving

pain after acupuncture - beta-endor-

phin - which is released in the brain

and circulates round the nervous

system. And there are at least ten

other "opioid peptides" with similar

biochemical structure to endorphin

But scientists are by no means unanimous in support of the beta-

another substance - met-enkephalin

Successful acupuncture treatment

given by doctors in this country tends

to be given locally, with needles inserted where the pain is more

intense. This makes sense. But why.

as practised in the Far East, putting

a needle in the left toe produces a

which may also be involved.

might also be important.

must always ask why?

life without the support of drugs.

Getting the needle

Groups meet once a week to share

problem for women.

lose weight.

Though nothing was to come of it for seven years. Noel kept the letter. During those years Beatrix Potter, a shy and solitary young women, was much put upon by her Victorian

parents and took refuge in increas-

ingly beautiful botanical drawings and her love for small animals.

When, in 1901, she conceived of

writing and illustrating children's

stories, Beatrix remembered her

early attempt and wrote asking for it. Printed privately, with black and white illustrations, Peter Rabbit was

soon taken up by Frederick Warne

who asked her to colour the

drawings and then sold 27,000 copies in the first year. To the seven succeeding Moore children went Little Pig Robinson, Squirrel Nutkin,

The Tailor of Gloucester (Mrs Hammarling's favourite), all based on illustrated letters sent to those

same children many years before,

and purporting to come from the

The miniature letters, illustrated

placent cats, usually arrived at Christmas and were circulated

chiatrists, and here attention has

focused on how the police behave

towards victims of crime, and they

have been criticised particularly for

their attitude towards women who

have been raped. Dr Joanna

Shapland of the Oxford Centre for

Criminological Research told this

week's London conference of the

British Psychological Society that

while many forces have learned to

handle rape victims more sensitively, most victims soon develop a very

Funded by the Home Office, Dr

Shapland studied 278 victims in Coventry and Northampton. Most

had been physically, not sexually,

assaulted, and often mauled badly.

Their initial impressions of the

police were good: 75 per cent praised

the "first contact"; officers were not

just efficient but, to use that much

overused word, caring. One woman

who had been sexually abused expected scepticism, or worse, because of recent publicity. She was

surprised by "how kind and respectful they were." The problem was how to translate this initial

But Dr Shapland had to report

that things soon got worse. She talked to victims about three weeks

after the assault, and then contacted

impression into long term.

jaundiced view of the police.

scurrying ducks and com-

animals themselves.

Mrs McGregor, poring over her pie dish and dreaming of a fine supper, may not have been much of a speller, but she was less agitated than Squirrel Nutkin after Mr Brown made off with his tail. Their Brown made off with his tail. Their

letters, less than two inches high and

letters, less than two inches high and packed into minute mail bags, have now been brought out in a book, companion to the 23 published tales of Beatrix Potter. In Yours affectionately, Peter Rabbit, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle frets over her starch, Jeremy Fisher (signing himself Jeremiah) explains why he never married and invitations mass between Tabitha

invitations pass between Tabitha

Alderman Ptolemy.
One of the recipients of these enchanting letters was Beatrix Moore, Miss Potter's godchild and

daughter of the governess who came to teach German at No 2 Bolton Gardens in 1883. Beatrix Moore

later became a journalist and a contributor to the first issue of *Picture Post*, Beatrix Moore is now

80 and a somewhat cosy Beatrix

Potter figure herself, with very bright blue round eyes. The one memento Beatrix, now

Mrs Hammarling, has of her godmother is a silver sugar bowl, a

christening present sent to her mother in 1903. There is too the

dedication in The Pie and the Patty

"I well remember Beatrix Potter

turning up to see us in Wandsworth", says Mrs Hammarl-

ing "She wasn't a bit young or pretty but plump and rather rubicund. To me she seemed

eccentric and elderly. She always

wore a straw bonnet tied under her

chin with a lace ribbon. She used to

bring a cage of white mice with her

and kept her horse and carriage

It was Beatrix Moore's eldest

brother Noel who could be said to have sparked off the celebrated books. Joan Carter stayed only two

years as governess with the Potters

before leaving to marry Edwin

Moore. But the two young women, quite near in age, had become close

friends and corresponded through-

In 1893 when Joan's eldest son

turned six and was ill in bed, Beatrix Potter wrote to him from Perthshire:

"I don't know what to write to you.

so I shall tell you a story about four

little rabbits, whose names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and

Those who survive violence often

have long-term psychological scars.

It is a paradox that some of these

scars are caused by the way victims

are treated after the event and it is a

problem for both doctors and the

police: getting the balance right between offering too much and too

little help is delicate. The Oxford

Centre for Criminological Research has just reported findings with

important implications for the way police should handle victims.

any psychological problem until the hijack of a Dutch train by South

Moluccans in 1975, when psy-

chiatrists swung into action. As soon

as they were rescued, the hostages were bundled off the train and on to

stretchers. No one asked if they

could walk by themselves. Then

they were rushed off to hospital in

ambulances. Dr Hans Prins, a

biologist, the most vocal of the 23

victims, told me in 1977 that it was "like being hijacked all over again."

After the hijack, the former hostages complained of many small psychological problems but most of

had deemed them severely dis-

turbed, nearly mad, because of their

of the belittling psychiatrists who

Britain has less faith in psy-

No one realized that there was

vaiting at the door.

out their lives.

Pan; "For Joan to read to baby".

witchit, the Flopsy Bunnies and

Peter Rabbit's postbag



Twelve nights a-broken Eleven times a-woken Ten nappies soaken Nine nasty tokens Eight fags a-smoken Seven yells a-choken Six oaths a-spoken FIVE COLD GRINS Four falling curds Three drenched friends Two hurtled gloves



On the next day of Christmas my second-born asked of me Twelve knights a-cloaken Eleven bikes bespoken (He must be joking) Nine Indians croaking Eight cowboys gloating Seven castles moaten Six dragons smoking FIVE VIKINGS Four mauling words Three henchmen Two hurtful shove



On the last day of Christmas my first-born meant to me Twelve girls eloping Eleven boys a-hoping Ten padres poping Nine mothers moping Eight grannies coping Seven brothers sloping Six fathers toping FIVE LARGE GINS Four stalling birds Three French men Two pubertal loves And I don't think this job is for

# ALAN FRANKS

# A cartilage torn in my knee







And this job doesn't carry a fee.



And a cartridge for a 3.3



#### Beatrix Potter and, right top, Beatrix Moore, her god child. Above right Mrs Hammarling today among Beatrix Potter's young to suggest that her godchild be sent to university and that she would pay

admirers. "She also always sent us an enormous turkey" remembers Mrs Hammarling. And every year came dresses for the two youngest girls: "They were always white party frocks with beading around the waist

and lace and embroidery." solicitor called William Heelis and 13 years and dovoted the remaining 30 years of her life to farming.

the fees. Mrs Hammarling laughs:
"My mother was Victorian and very
straightlaced. She would never have
considered turning her daughter into a bluestocking." The stories that followed Peter Rabbit were just as successful and a whole industry - plates, friezes furry animals - soon built up around

As the youngest in the family, born when Beatrix Potter was 37, Beatrix saw little of her godmother. She never joined her much older brothers and sisters on their summer visits to the Lake District, where they were terrified by Miss Potter's whiskery and gruff father. By the time the little girl was ten, Beatrix Potter had married a country stopped writing altogether. She turned her back firmly on her small betrousered animals after a creative

"I do, though, remember her visiting us not long after the wedding and making us all laugh by saying that her honeymoon had been spent meeting a bull for the farm at the station." Later, too, Beatrix Potter wrote to Mrs Moore

Victims of violence: the double trauma them for up to 18 months afterwards. Even three weeks on,

satisfaction with the police had

Fourteen per cent of victims went so far as to say that if they were assaulted again they would not bother reporting it. Using classic rating scales, Dr Shapland found that victims soon came to rate the police as being significantly "less efficient, more offensive, less fair, more bureaucratic, more crooked, and less helpful." The change was

"It's not often that psychology throws up such a common thread," admitted Dr Shapland, "I think we're looking at a real phenom-

And, if the Dutch smothered their victims with patronising care, Shapland found that the people in her sample felt, after a few weeks, "just not valued." Shapland does not want to turn the police into therapists in uniform but feels there is a serious mismatch, between what the police think is good practice and what victims feel they need. The police wanted to catch the criminal and, if they could not do that, to be "technically efficient" which often meant filling in the right forms at the right time. But surprisingly victims did not judge the police by whether they catch the villains or not. Arrests matter less than attention.

famous godmother, and Drew Fayle, the little boy whose idea it was that Jeremy Fisher should find himself a

wife, has never been traced at all.

"little rabbits") could afford them.

The psychology of this is not so odd even though it may offend those who claim that victims need retribution and revenge. To be assaulted is bad not just for a person's health but for their self esteem. They feel damaged. More than ever, therefore, they need to be well treated. Being well treated does not mean being fussed over by sergeant social workers but it should mean being told what is going on at the right time; when a case may come up; if an arrest had been made and being given all that information with respect. To be denied that reinforces the initial damage.

The problem is that these human needs clash with what the police see as their main role. To be caring when someone is injured is not hard but to continue that care, three weeks later, when they are back home and fit is hardly the role of the great detective or brave constable. Yet Dr Shapland's survey suggests that the victims want and need policing that is humanly sensitive rather more than detective wizardry. It's not a finding to ignore.

David Cohen

#### sensation in an entirely different part of the body still remains a mystery.

TALKBACK

From Dr Penelope Leach, The Maze House, Rockhampton, Berkeley, Gloucestershire

As a reviewer, Rachel Cullen ("Bringing up baby", December

they are there so that any interested reader can check my sources. I find this aspersion on my professional integrity as a researcher grossly offensive.

entering the womb.

An insult to professional integrity Male expectations

> Like Doreen Turnbull (First Person, December 12), I sympathize with the large numbers of and at which friendships with Down's Syndrome under this five will suffer a heart attack redress the balance? before 65).

The existing state pension scheme is weighted against men. Men pay in 80 per of the funds and receive 40 per cent in benefits. Earlier retirement (voluntary) for men is clearly desirable and the Government natter without delay.

On balance

I was interested to read Caroline Harper's "My lesbian Caroline Harper's "My lesbian from M C Macnaughton, the early years he had a number daughter" (December 16) and Muirhead Professor of Obstetrics appreciated the frankness with & Gynaecology, University of which she shared her personal Glasgow, Royal Infirmary, 10 pain, discomfort and other experience with the wider Alexandra Parade, Glasgow.

Royal Infirmary, 10 problems. But, largely due to his particular approach, our life multiple on that all of me might Your contents. public, so that all of us might Your correspondent, Hilaire together has been and still is,

carn from it. Her daughter had apparently December 7 - with regard to our two-legged friends. been forward in her relation- amniocentesis - that "in Britain He has never wishe ships with boyfriends during any anxious mother can obvi-her teens and it occurred to me ously have it done privately at fitter, doctor of prothetist. that she might then have missed any age at a cost of about £150°. These occasions he deals with out on the close friendships I must point out that alone in the same way as he with other girls which most of amniocentesis is now advised in does his very demanding life us enjoyed in early adolescence, most NHS maternity units at though he still sometimes falls; earlier stage, and the relief only to discover later, when age 35 or over, and that any over!

disillusioned by menfriends, anxious mother under this age how good it was to share ideas can have it done in an NHS From George W. Burdett, 85 and experiences with her own maternity hospital. The reason Henley Road, Leicester sex.

women whose husbands have the opposite sex have equal age is less than the risk of the died. I think that equal attention should be given to the wonder how many people have can only be done privately question, "Why do men have a suffered a similar fate and under 35. life expectancy of seven years subsequently felt the need to Standing alone less than women?" (One man in revert to their own sex to Standing alone From Keith Howes, 42 Lam-

bolle Road, London NW3 Many thanks for the Friday
Page article "My lesbian daughter" (December 16). Could we
now have "My heterosexual
mother", looking at life "highly
uncomfortable, slanted and lested of the advantages. should turn its attention to this uncomfortable, slanted and inevitably refracted through a (heterosexual) prism"?

From Sue Lewis, 18 Knoll Court, Farquhar Road, London NHS test at all ages

From M C Macnaughton, Gomer, said in her article on almost no different from that of

From Lady Murray. British Embassy, Skarpogatan 6-8, Embassy, Skarp Stockholm, Sweden

Instead of being cherished in later years. I have all my work For the past 34 years I have shared my life with an aboveknee amputee, who is now the same age as Mr Whittaker. In the early years he had a number

He has never wished me to

My advice to Mrs Whittaker would be to try not to overcompensate; to let her husband try everything he wishes to do alone; to let him decide and encourage him to do so. There are moments of agony waiting - as when my husband insists on skiing. She may well by surprised - as I still am - at the things her husband can and will do on his own.

Perhaps I am lucky. Every time I still have to reply to a third person's question "Which leg is it your husband is missing? I realise it is his determination to go it alone which makes this question

I hope that one day soon Mrs Whittaker may find herself being asked the same question.

Pill benefit

From Julia M. Cadman, 16 Newry Park, Chester. At the age of 15 I was prescribed the contraceptive pill at my mother's suggestion and with my doctor's ready agreement. This was not in anticipation of sexual activity, but an attempt to control severe epilepsy. A marked monthly pattern in fits last day of my period seven fits in 24 hours was not uncommon.

As a result of the new treatment, I went for six months without grand mals, ans sat and passed all eight "O"-levels I was taking. Had we been a little more aware of my childhood sexuality such treatment might have been lighted upon at an

# An apt Christmas cracker motto for the type who's too mean to serve Smirnoff.

Q). What is the definition of an inexpensive fish? A). A cheapskate.





## THE TIMES **DIARY**

## Floating campaigner

Paul Genney, who is challenging the election returns of Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby. seems to change his opinions quite a lot. Genney was Mitchell's agent in the 1979 general election. He then became one of the SDP's earliest converts and unsuccessfully tried to persuade Mitchell to leave the Labour Party too. His failure did not seem to result in any hard feelings on his part, for in March 1981 he wrote to the local Labour Party. You have one of the finest constituency members in the country - take pride in his achievements". In his election address as SDP candidate for Great Grimsby this year, Genney asked: "What has your MP done for you?" The electors obviously thought he had done quite a lot since Mitchell retained his seat, albeit with a greatly reduced majority.

#### Literary germs

Secker and Warburg recently re-ceived a £300 bill for fumigating copies of James A. Michener's Poland which they had shipped to Australia. Peter Grose, the publishing director, replied by Telex: "We accept responsibility for all internal. corrupting, damaging, depraying, maddening, nightmare-inducing or soporific effects of the written word. but transmission of disease takes place outside the covers of the book and is therefore beyond our control and hence not our liability." Back came the reply: "For the entertain-ment value of Telex almost, repeat almost, tempted to wipe fumigation charges." In the end Grose relented and paid the compulsory fee "in the interests of international goodwill and world health".

#### That figures

A colleague who called into a City branch of Wallace Heaton to have was told. Sorry, sir. We don't open up calculators in case they fall to

## Singing praises At an occasion called Carols for

Peace held this week in Chelsea, a choir from the Russian Orthodox Church mingled harmoniously with their more worldly countrymen from the Embassy, and Britons of various political persuasions. A Russian professor who was one of the guesis thought that Graham Greene should win the Nobel Literature prize and also divulged that Mr Andropov's favourite author was Erskine Caldwell, author of those two ironic sagas of the American South, God's Little Acre and Tobacco Road.

**BARRY FANTONI** 



Neville will be OK. He hasn' worked anywhere for years"

### Disarming

John Silkin, the chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, has just been elected president of the Parliamentarians for World Order. This means that he will be out of the country quite a bit for the organization holds meetings every other month in New York as well as regular regional conferences, often abroad. The announcement goes on to stress that Mr Silkin's new job is a very important one. Indeed, packing and unpacking his suitcase will keep the new president so busy that most defence and disarmament issues will now have to be dealt with by Denzil

#### Port both ways

Reproducing paintings for Christmas cards is a chancy business. The Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society has chosen Canaletto's painting of Westminster Bridge from the North, with Lambeth Palace in the distance. Owing to the printing process, the painting is the wrong way round.
"No wonder they get shipwrecked". said one recipient.

#### To the point

The Pheasantry in the King's Road, once the haunt of Diaghilev and the Russian Ballet, has gone into receivership. The Receiver hopes very much that the restaurants on the original Pheasantry site will keep going and has already had two offers for them. The fact that the Pheasantry retains their original arch and courtyard is due to the Friends of Chelsea, who stopped an officially-approved skyscraper going up. Their appeal was led by Princess Jane Astalieva, granddaughter of the Princess Scraphine Astalieva, who ran a ballet school at the Pheasantry, and Dame Margot Fonteyn, a former pupil of the school, Luckily, the developer was devoted to the ballet and, invited to lunch with Dame Margot, tore up his original plans on the spot.

# Terror: let's fight it together

After the Harrods bomb, Garret FitzGerald, in the Irish Republic and one in Northern Ircland have been be-reaved by the terrorist violence of the past week. Such is the situation the Irish Prime Minister, calls for closer cooperation in combating the IRA killers we all face that we must pray that the total may not be higher by the time these words are published.

The Irish people feel this Christ-

mas a stronger sense of shared grief and shared outrage with the British

out of these tragedies. Behind these terrible events, and at the heart of Anglo-Irish relations, lies the extremely complex and intractable political problem of Northern Ireland which we have an overwhelming moral obligation to solve. Any solution will require difficult decisions from each of the protagonists, the British government and political parties, the Irish government and political parties and all non-violent parties in Northern

The constitutional Irish nationalist response has been to bring together parties representing 90 per cent of the nationalist voters. North and South, in a New Ireland Forum to seek a path forward towards the objective of peace and stability. seeking ways of reconciling the two Irish traditions.
Within three months we shall

know just how successful this initiative has been and whether it can provide a basis for a fresh start in tackling that alienation of Northern nationalists from the political and security processes which underlies the continued violence within, and emanating from, Northern Ireland, To the

to ensure that enduring good comes extent that the forum comes up with worthwhile ideas that could provide a basis for peace, stability and reconciliation, it will then be for the British government and political leaders to decide whether and how to respond to them.

No one should doubt the will of Irish democratic politicians to tackle the security problems of this island. Whether through the unique process under which IRA terrorists are jailed in the South for crimes of violence or prison escapes in Northern Ireland, for involvement in ex-plosions in Britain, or else through extradition decisions in respect of terrorists like McGlinchey - which was ordered by the Supreme Court last year and is awaiting only his capture - no refuge will begin in our

violence in these islands.

We would ask the British government, political parties and the British public to join with the Irish in a commitment against the gunmen, a commitment to exclude them from a say in our future. That can only mean joining with consti-lutional politicians in Ireland in a single urgent effort to create structures which will bring peace

The gunmen have been sustained not only by a distorted sense of history but at times by an over-emphasis on security policy at the expense of politics, the impact of which on the ground has contributed to the profound alienation of many among the minority in Northern Ireland. A different and somewhat contrasting error which has encouraged the IRA in particular, and which has been particularly resented by British politicians, has been the series of direct or indirect contacts with the IRA and Sinn Fein on the part of past Secretaries of State and, in one notable instance, of a leader of the Opposition: this has bolstered the gunmen's conviction that by continuing to bomb and to murder. they will eventually prevail politi-

The only convincing way that governments and politicians can now demonstrate their resolution to stand against terrorism is to act urgently and resolutely together on the political front and to exclude rigorously from that effort those who support extremism.

state to any who commit crimes of This is what we are trying to do in Ireland. The next step must be that we all do it together. The British and Irish peoples will want to ensure that their innocent dead will not have died in vain. The problems are immense but I believe that our will to succeed, backed by the growing concern of all the people of these two islands, is greater now than ever

C lines Vewspapers Limited, 1983

## Robert Fisk goes on patrol with the Queen's Royal Lancers

# Beirut, a battle honour these soldiers don't seek

people than at any time I can recall.

Our ambassador in London, Mr

Nocl Dorr, has reported to us that in

his hospital visits to the injured

victims of last Saturday's bombing

he was received warmly and without

rancour. Mr Dorr spoke for millions of Irish people in Ireland and, indeed, in Britain in expressing our

sympathy and good wishes to those

admirable people and our profound

horror at the crime which has

afflicted them.
It may not be fully understood in

Britain that the abhorrence of Irish

people at this event is especially

strong because the explosion was caused by criminals who, with no justification whatever, purport to

create enmity between us and the

British. For our part I can say that

Mrs Thatcher's message to me expressing sympathy to those families of the two members of our security forces killed by the IRA last

Friday in the operation which led to the release of the kidnapped Mr Don

Tidey, a British citizen, was warmly appreciated here in Ireland. This is therefore a moment of emotional

solidarity across the Irish Sea: It is

the duty of political leadership now

On the wall of the newly-plastered officers' mess at Hadeth, Major J. Roland Smyth is leading his 16th (Queen's Own) Lancers to victory at the Battle of Aliwal on January 28. 1846. The faintly-coloured litho-graph portrays Major Smyth, a moustachioed figure on a rather bovine horse, gailoping along at the head of some ferocious-looking cavalrymen to the horror of fleeing Sikh warriors.

The picture, whose caption gravely records the serious wounds which the major sustained later in the battle, occupies pride of place in the new mess which the officers of the British Army's tiny contingent to the multinational force in Beirut have just been refurbishing. You could just hear the Lebanese

army tanks and the local Shia Muslim militia celebrating the latest ceasefire by shooting at each other at Campbell was dutifully plastering over the bullet holes and broken nicture hooks which the Syrian army left behind in 1982, turning the room into a place fit for the young gentlemen of what is now the I6th/5th Queen's Royal Lancers.

They have, it is true, covered the wooden door with a dreadful red plastic cloth that makes it look like the entrance to a Beirut night club. But Mr Campbell is clearly a dab hand with a trowel even if his colleagues did disagree about one of the bullet holes in the wall. It was created earlier this month by a gunman who sprayed the British headquarters with automatic fire a few hours after Mr Campbell had been unwise enough to hang two prized 1822 family prints above the sola missing the pictures but smashing the antique frames and

caving a gash in the wall. That particular hole in the wall was part of an attack which caused

This week, according to all the reference books, sees the seventieth

anniversary of the invention of the

crossword puzzic. In fact, some puzzles that I discovered recently.

show that the crossword is now well

over 100 years old. But according to

the Gunness Book of Records the

carliest crossword was one with 32

clues invented by Arthur Wynne and published in the New York

Arthur Wynne was born in Liverpool in 1872 or '73. His father

had been on the staff of the

Liverpool Mercury from 1860 and, since Liverpool was the principal

port for the United States, it seems

reasonable to assume that the young Wynne would be familiar with

American newspapers and maga-

zines. If so, it must have stood him

in good stead when he emigrated, in

about 1905, and subsequently joined

the New York World.

As Editor of the World's "Fun"

supplement Wynne was responsible for compiling the weekly puzzle page. And for the issue before Christmas 1913, he decided some-

His "Word-Cross", as he called it,

was an instant success in the New

York World. Within weeks, Wynne

had switched from Word-Cross to

Crossword, but the hyphen lingered on into the 1930s. Arthur Wynne's

first puzzle gave little hint of the

devastating effect that it was to

have. The 1920s saw a crossword

craze which, unlike many others, has

never died, making the yo-yo, mahjong and Rubik's cube look

what they were - simply passing

At its height, people used

crosswords to announce their

engagements, or to leave clues to the

police to explain their suicide,

Professors lauded them, libraries

condemned them; they broke up

homes or pleased the insane, depending upon which "expert" or

PHS news report was consulted. Anything

thing extra was needed.

fancies.

If orld on December 21, 1913.



Corporal Steve Collingwood of Birmingham, awaiting the action in Beirut: the Royal Lancers have a "cold detachment" about events in Lebanon except where they impinge directly on the British

both Mrs Thatcher and Mr Heseltine some very considerable wornes. At Westminster, the Opposition suggested that perhaps the British really had no business in Lebanon. In the mess at Hadeth, the reaction was somewhat different: Corporal Nicholl made off with the spent bullet while Mr Campbell's colleagues very firmly told him not to plaster over the hole, it had to remain there: a memento, a battle

They are very young soldiers, rather clubby in a public school sort of way, although they don't like the public school tag. When they saw a Private Eye lampoon suggesting they spent their time playing bridge and listening to the BBC World Service to find out what was going on down the road, they greeted the article with interest but something less than amusement. They do listen to the World Service voraciously but spend much of their time on vehicle checkpoints or endlessly patrolling the same hot, packed streets in

Events in Lebanon are treated in a detached, cold fashion except where they directly impinge on the British. You can detect this when Major Robin Faulkner, the Commander of the 16th/5th "A" Squadron, tells you about the shells that traversed

the British base a few days ago. "The first shell landed just over there." he says, pointing down from the roof at an earth pit. "The second landed over there beside the factory. And the others ... Here there is a sharp glance in your direction. "And

and everything from Broadway shows to tax returns, was "melt right toils" (anagram: 5.2.3.4).

the tide: The Times and the New

lork Times. The latter, in lact.

resisted the crossword until as late as 1942. The Times succumbed some-

what earlier: on January 23, 1930.

By 1924 when the craze had almost reached its peak, Arthur Wynne had moved on from the

If orld and was somewhat startled to find himself hailed as an inventor.

As he wrote in the following year.

"All I did was to take an idea as old

as language and modernize it by the introduction of black squares." Leaving aside the fact that his first

puzzle did not contain any black

squares, how true was this extremely

least the Roman era, as seen from the remarkable reversible square of

Sator, found at Pompeii and

Cirencester. At first, such arrange-

ments were thought to have religious or magical significance, but gradu-

ally were seen to be no more than

the bases for puzzles. By the Victorian period, word squares,

diamonds and other shapes, with or

without clues, began to form the

Roger Millington, in his aptly

titled The Strange World of the

Crossword, reproduced a "Double Diamond" from the St Nicholas

magazine of December 1880 and

speculated whether it might have

been the source of Wynne's inspi-

ration. He also wondered if there

had been earlier examples of the

in the magazine's "Riddle Box"

same kind of puzzle. There had

staple diet of puzzle pages.

Word squares as such date from at

modest assessment?

Two newspapers stood out against

the others, i'm glad to say, went on towards Beirut." There is just the faintest trace of a smile.

By contrast, there was conster-nation in the mess when the BBC Harrods. Perhaps there has simply been - as yet - no reason for anger over Lebanon, which sometimes seems more like an adventure than a duty. Take Lt David Edic's patrol up the wadi last week. Mr Edie (Eton) calls it the "wadi" although in fact it is a mud track beside the bed of the Beirut river. The sand-coloured Ferrets bump and rock their way through miniature lakes with Edie's head protruding from the leading vehicle until, a round a corner in the gorge, we are facing a massive, broken Roman aqueduct.

While the Ferret crews idle the engines, we climb up the height of the three arches and find a Roman tunnel cut deep into the mountain. Edie climbs inside, rifle in one hand, dust cascading on to his beret. And after a few seconds, an excited shout as he finds another tunnel, a 100ft shaft carved upwards through the solid rock at the time of Caracalla.

But then, as he emerges into the sun, there is a sudden, rushing sound, deafening, and an F-14 jet races up the valley at almost supersonic speed.

Lt Edie has developed the disturbing habit of leading his armoured reconnaissance patrols into some of the world's greatest and most inextricable traffic jams. Every side street in East or West Beirut up which Mr Edie turns seems to

for September 1875, published in New York, I found a nine-nine by

Double Diamond, described enthusi-

- then, as now, pseudonyms were

much favoured by compilers as "the largest ever made".

The task of the would-be solver

was made more difficult by the lack

of a grid in which to set the answers

but, because of typographical limi-

tations, this was quite normal. In

many ways the inclusion of grids

that was one of Arthur Wynne's

Hyperion's Double Diamone

with its Across and Down clues and

interlocking words is a crossword

puzzle in all but name, making it the

earliest yet to be discovered. The

actual term crossword, in a variety of forms, had been in use since the

1860s, although the OED gives the

To give Wynne his due, his first

"Word-Cross" was not just a word diamond with clues - it was a hollow

diamond. It was this introduction of

spaces within the matrix that

allowed the crossword to develop

away from the constraints of the

original word squares, diamonds

and other close-packed arrange-

I found just such a hollow diamond in the Wide Awake

Pleasure Book, published in Boston. Massachussetts in 1879. Compiled

Maine, it has three Across and three

Down clues, all for words of seven

letters each. Even more than the

period. it appears as a simple precursor of Wynne's original.

"English Boy" of West Bethel.

word-diamonds of the

major contributions.

date of 1914.

astically by its compiler, "Hyperion"

70 Down – how many

more to go?

envelop his Ferrets in a choking mass of taxis, trucks, lottery vendors and yelling street urchins from which long-suffering Lebanese policemen attempt to extract him with encouraging asides of the "England good" variety. Trapped in the chaos of the Bourj Hammoud Armenian market. Mr Edie's head emerged from the Ferret and turned towards us. "I hope you're not in any kind of a hurry," he shouted.

Despite the setting, the radio identification codes are extremely English. The commanding officer is "Sunray", the doctor is "Starlight", the watchkeeper is invariably "Mushroom". The Lebanese army is inevitably "Cedar". Sunray is Lt-Col Gordon Ferguson of the Queen's Dragoon Guards, one of the cocktail "other regiments" that are attached to the Lancers in Beirut Colonel Ferguson has a pretty

shrewd idea just how dangerous the British patrols could turn out to be, The 16th/5th went to Lurgan in 1980 - Beirut is less boring, they say - but they don't talk much about

Mention regimental history, however, and Lt Campbell produces a small volume and begins reading aloud from it for a very long time. on and on about Aliwal and a junior officer dying with 16 wounds whose last thought is to encourage the

Lancers. He knows the battle honours by heart: Malplaquet, Oudenard, Blen-heim, Mons, Flanders... If the 16th/5th are lucky. Lebanon will never be among them.

#### For some, talk of word diamonds will be less than convincing since most modern crosswords are square. The Wide Iwake Pleasure Book of 1887 has what is possibly the first square "hollow" arrangements.

Prize Cross-Word Square (note the hyphen) compiled by Bella J. of New York City. The puzzle consists of a five by five square with three Across and three Down clues with all the answers five-lettered. For the first correct solution the puzzle editor, one Kit Clinton offered "a nice chromo".

Alas, no one claimed the prize. But looking at the actual clues, one is not exactly surprised. Some words were probably more familiar than now but many of the words are obscure. But to the modern nuzzler. what is more daunting than obscurity is the use of general categories rather than precise definitions, which was customary at the time. Nevertheless, unlike some word squares offered to St Nicholas four years earlier, it was apparently judged not too difficult by the

If these early crosswords appear small by modern standards, it is worth recalling that the first one published in this country, in 1924. was only seven by seven, and the five by five puzzle has been featured by Games magazine in recent years

What then remains unique to the modern crossword? The small reference numbers and the black squares? Not all countries use them and certainly not all the time. So, for the moment, it would seem that the crossword dates back from at least the 1870s. Somewhere there is an earlier crossword, waiting to be

Kenneth Miller

The holiday Jumbo crossword will be published tomorrow

#### Simon Jenkins

# The top shops that stay closed

until we have one of our own. A government minister robustly declared last week that the future of the closed shop was at last in jeopardy, In ringing tones, he declared that such restrictions were a "flagrant and fundamental denial of individual liberties ... not only morally wrong but deeply damaging to the economy and jobs.

Morally wrong? Why then, in the past month, has the same government acted to protect from deregulation two closed shops - those of stockbrokers and of conveyancing solicitors? The pressure placed on ministers was uncannily similar to that of "working-class" trade unions on a Labour government. Constitu-ency parties leaned on their MPs. There were lobbies at Parliament idiscrect, not mass ones). Members would murmer "crisis of pro-fessional conscience" to those father confessors of the body politic, the

whips.
With all the passion of a Joe Wade, stockbrokers and solicitors alike argued the adjustments they had already made to the twin totems of Thatcherism, new technology and market forces. They pleaded the problems of adjustment. They pleaded hard cases. They pleaded social benefits from their mon-opolics. Only let the government protect them from the Office of Fair Trading and Austin Mitchell's House Buyer's Bill. So far they have

What is so defensible about midde-class unionism, but evil about the working-class variety? Why is a government ideologically committed to rooting out all and every monopoly so ready to conform to Marxism's sterotype of Tory class rule?

Myth and reality in British government remains an opaque topic. The Wilson and Callaghan administrations drew ideological inspiration from economic planning, growth and higher welfare spending. Yet in retrospect, these things seem a series of tawdry concessions to Labour's trade union backers. As ministers wrestled with the Protection of Employment Bill and countless public spending reviews, the reality was higher wages for public sector monopoly unions and greater legal privileges for private

Mrs Thatcher's government pre-sented itself as equally rational in its policy motivation. Markets were the engines of economic efficiency and must simply be allowed to work. Deregulation, privatization and legislation against restrictive practices were matters not for the heart but for the head. They were the keys to the larder of Tory economic prosperity. And as proof of Mrs Thatcher's determination, the new "cabinet of loners" would be secure against the pork-barrel, old-boy network which had made past administrations so prey to interestgroup pressure. The government would do what was right, not what its supporters wanted. So we were

From the upper-band tax cuts of 1979 through the company cars subsidy (now at £2 billion) to the increase in mortgage tax relief. a must never die.

concern to protect the party's The author is Political Editor of The predominant interest among mid
Economist.

Monopolies, someone once said, are like babies. We are against them has dominated ideology. Every year. has dominated ideology. Every year, Treasury officials pursuing what they thought to be the implications of a reduced subsidy economy have found the Cabinet adhering firmly to the maxim that middle-class subsidies are no sin.

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Meanwhile, the farmer and the lawyer still stand like Gog and Magog glaring down on the deliberations of this Tory cabinet as they have done on all its predecessors. The Downing Street floor still trembles should any minister, especially from the Treasury, dare to trespass on their hallowed soil. Farmers are the one group a government can (through the CAP and manipulation of the green pound) protect from recession. The rate of increase in farm incomes over the past few years has been publicized enough in these columns. History will surely judge it one of the most extraordinary acts of political protection offered to any income group by any government since the war.

Lawyers likewise remain secure behind their myriad restrictive practices. The planning bar luxurrates in a fee structure (much of it at taxpayers expense) which the government has done nothing to

reform. restrictive practices that their practitioners are articulate as well as politically potent in their defence. Thus we are told the solicitors' (or architects' or accountants') closed shops are necessary to protect the public. They are a guarantee of quality. If high earnings result, they are due reward for the grind of apprenticeships. Lengthy training is not to provide cheap labour to ease the lifestyle of senior professionals; nor is it just the way all trade unions restrict supply to maintain earnings. It is a safeguard for the customer and an essential experience for the

Perhaps. But have we not heard all this from train drivers and electricians in defence of their restrictive practices? We heard it last month from the Post Office engineers - and we ridiculed it. Surely monopoly is monopoly, a conspiracy against the consumer. This Tory government claimed a mandate to fight monopoly. It has declared war on the trade union variety (though how many union closed shop members are now marginal Tory voters?). It has likewise pursued business and industry through the Office of Fair Trading and the Monopolies Commission. But industry is no favourite of modern Toryism.

No, the traditional interests of post-war Toryism, the land and the any of Britain's shortcomings. Mrs Thatcher, whose signal virtue is at least a consciousness of her mandate, has occasionally argued with her colleagues that these interests should be cut down to size. So far. she has argued in vain. A shrewd minister will still insist that the closed shops and restrictive practices of his supporters, their protective uion and covert cement to the fabric of British society, the underpinning of the establishment. Tory monopolies "

### Philip Howard

# Enough legend to fill a stocking

Here we go again, then. The time draws near the birth of

The morn is hid: the night is still: The Christmas bells from hill to hill Inswer each other in the mist.

Either we have all the walnuts and tangerines and Dinky toys we are going to need, or it is too late to do anything about it. It is time to get out the long, hairy Lovat hose. My mother-in-law has been waging an unsuccessful campaign for 20 years to dress me like an Edwardian country gent in loud tweed knickerbockers. Here comes the night of the year on which the gigantic stockings come in useful.

Tomorrow is, of course, not really the night of Santa Claus, to use the name that Dutch and German immigrants to America gave St Nicholas. His night is December 6. And his connexion with kiddles is tenuous. The belief that the fourthcentury Bishop of Myra restored to life three small boys who had been carved up and pickled as pork, so demonstrating his love for children. is based on a misunderstanding of pictures showing him having three grown men released from a tower

His three golden balls (St Nicholas is the patron saint of pawnbrokers and Russia, as well as of spoiling children) come from the egend that he threw three bags of gold through a window as downes to save three poor girls from a fate worse than death.

Though Nicholas is one of the most popular saints in both the Greek and the Latin churches, almost nothing is known about him, According to tradition, he was Bishop of Myra, a rundown diocese in Asia Minor. He is said to have been imprisoned for his faith during the persecution of the Christians under Diocletian, and to have been present at the Council of Nicaea, where he denounced Arianism. Do not believe the last claim. His name is not included in any of the early lists of bishops present at the council; nor does Athanasius refer to Nicholas in his voluminous and polemical writings.

Nicholas first emerges from legend into history in the Church of St Priscus and St Nicholas, founded them. Happy Christmas.

at Constantinople by the Emperor Justinian. He became a popular cult figure in the west after the inhabitants of Bari claimed to have got hold of some bits and pieces of his relics in 1087.

No: if we are going to be canonical, tomorrow is St irmina's Night. (Who she? Ed.)

Irmina is not one of your firstdivision saints; but neither is she one of your rapscallion saints, who ought to have been cannonaded rather than canonized. Irmina comes about halfway down the Southern League, just above Basingstoke. Her story is really more suitable for an operatic heroine, in something by Verdi or Bellini, than for picties in stained glass.

She was the daughter of Dagobert. King of the Franks at the turn of the sixth century, and wildly in love with the goy next door, a German called Hermann. She was on her way to Treves to marry Count Hermann, when a young man called Edgar, who was travelling in her wedding party, fell head over heels in love with her.

Edgar galloped on ahead of the Frankish party, and told Hermann that there was a foreign merchant in the district from whom he could buy a remarkable jewel as a surprise wedding present for Irmina. He lured the silly Count up to a high rock overlooking the Moselle, and grappled with him until they both fell to their deaths, I can hear the opportunity for a pretty tempestuous tenor and bass duet at this point: and I can imagine the same difficulties of stage-management that face the producer in the last Act of Tosca.

The end of the story is quieter Irmina immediately took the veil and became a nun in the convent at Treves, which Daddy Dagobert founded for her. She helped the Geordie Saint Willibrord in his missionary work, and gave him the land on which he founded the famous Echternach Monastery in Luvembourg. She died in 707. That's the Saint of Christmas Eve. not Santa Claus. And now, Irmina. dear girl, let us about our annual business. You carry the stockings. and I shall carry the stuff to put in

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### THE POUND IN YOUR PURSE

feet to answer parliamentary questions for the last time before Christmas, everyone in what are conventionally called govern-ment circles who felt entitled to have an informed opinion on the future of the pound note had no doubts about the policy for it. The note was heading for oblivion and for total replacement by the new one pound coin. What is more, its life-span was not expected to be long. The bureaucrats who determine these matters know their public's ingrained conservativism and dislike of newfangledness but they also know that what the public hates today it loves, when time has worked its miracle, iomorrow. They did not suppose that much more than a year would be required to see the new pound coin as firmly accepted as the once disliked 50 pence piece now is, after which the last tattered notes could be inciner-

Then Mrs Thatcher spoke, and not for the first time did a little policy-making on her feet. Responding to a backbench Conservative defender of the one pound note, the Prime Minister accepted that the equivalent coin was not popular. "I have reason to believe," she added cryptically, "that the one pound note will be retained", and she left it at that.

What that reason was she did not divulge, but its identity is hardly obscure. It was her own instinctive reaction to the change. Mrs Thatcher, as well as being Prime Minister, also makes a point of being (so far as time allows) a housewife with a shopping-bag. She therefore knows what it is to juggle with a purseful (or come to that, a pocketful) of assorted coins, up to a maximum of eight denominations, none of which presents any logical relationship between size and value. What is more, she is presumably aware from experience that, to the eyes of the overforties who have come to need reading-glasses, a fistful of 5 not easily distinguishable in a century MPs sitting for rotten general consultations.

poor light. Besides, though something of a radical in policy terms, Mrs Thatcher is also in practice a traditionalist; it would not, therefore, be surprising if she felt a certain affection for the old pound note for the sake of what it was before the demon inflation

did its dirty work. Inflation is, of course, the reason for the one pound coin. With the pound's loss of value, the notes are already treated as coins and loose change. They no longer repose clean and crisp in wallets, produced for occasional use; instead they are stuffed in pockets, waistcoats and purses, quickly becoming filthy and crumpled. Their old dignity is destroyed. What is more, the fact that they are treated as pseudocoins actually makes it harder to replace them with clean new notes. When notes circulated more through the banks, the banks could send them back to the Bank of England for new ones when they became soiled. Now they go round and round as loose change between different pockets and purses, and the banks have much less chance to send them back before they become disgusting. Even so, their life is not more than about 10 months before they have to be replaced. Coins are more economical for the job and comparing the cost of producing constantly replaced notes with the cost of producing coins over the forty-year span which is the lifetime of a coin, several hundreds million pounds would be saved. at present values, by shifting

entirely to pound coins. For all these good and logical reasons, the Treasury which has responsibility in these matters had no doubt about what would happen until its First Lord took it by surprise yesterday. The sweetness of certainty pervaded the answers of Lord Glenarthur when he was questioned on the subject in the Lords on Tuesday. It was one of those occasions when the Upper House demonstrates that its claim to the virtual representation of those who did not elect it is not far pence, 20 pence and £1 pieces are short of the claim of 18th them at an early stage of their

boroughs virtually to represent those who did not elect them. The Lords spoke for ordinary people, pointing to the unpopularity of the new coin, and instructing the government spokesman on its tendency to wear out pockets and purses.

He (who normally speaks for Health and Social Security as that department's under-secretary) answered with the full confidence of a junior minister who has the power of Whitehall behind him. "It is the Government's intention to withdraw the £1 note from circulation in due course once the public have had time to become accustomed to the £1 coin." He rejected the idea of a plastic £1 note as too forgeable, as did the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Ian Stewart, on a Commons adjournment motion the same night. Asked if he was sure that people wanted the new coin Lord Glenarthur remarked that "extensive consultations" had established the demand for it, adding mysteriously that his own private survey round their Lordships' House had found that it was "50-50 in favour."

Had Mr Stewart and Lord Glenarthur been able to consult the Prime Minister they would apparently have discovered that her mind had been made up on the subject for some time, even though she had not thought to mention it until yesterday. The note, it seems will be with us for the foresecable future, which means as long as people want it. The likelihood is that it will be wanted, as an option, until the whole range of the coinage has been re-assessed. Pockets full of heavy large 10 pence pieces of low value, together with small light 20 pence pieces, and small heavy pounds makes no sense, except to those hoping that someone will make a mistake with his change. The Treasury, together with the Bank of England and the Mint (its agents for notes and coins respectively) are thinking about it, and the Prime Minister's opinion on the subject ought to be very useful to

#### **HOMES FOR SALE – OR RENT?**

ordinary council houses and flats themselves to have a keen eye useful for elderly occupants but to buy their homes is a stout for fairness: the government not to be classified as "sheltered" principle. Its application in the past three years has been a boon to hundreds of thousands of families from municipal tenure of a type which the passage of time and the growth of incomes had -rendered obsolete. The principle, however, is still observed only in the breach by sundry Labour-controlled city councils which - difficult as their housing is to make attractive for sale - have done everything short of law-breaking to discourage tenants: in debates on the Housing and Building Conrol Bill this week Mr Gow made a welcome promise to keep up the pressure on local authorities for which collective provision is the highest good.

Yet the right to buy is not, as the government appears to think, a universal one, to be compromised neither by fiscal common sense nor the state's duty to deal justly between social groups and generations. A right to buy need not encompass a right to extremely generous discounts - gifts of public money. The newly-tabled clauses to the Housing Bill offering a cash hand-out to the tenants of charitable housing associations will need very careful examination in the House of Lords,

The right of sitting tenants in whose members have shown in building imaginative units rightly wants to help this particular group of tenants but is a reduction in the money for housing associations the way?

The government's enthusiasm has now led it to apply the right to buy to the many council properties occupied by the eld-erly or disabled which are neither "ordinary" dwellings nor can be described as purposebuilt. They may be bungalows which are easy of access by people who cannot manage stairs; flats where ramps have been built or those with bathrooms converted for the use of the infirm. The 1980 Housing Act left the status of such dwellings unclear and Mr Gow is in no doubt right to condemn those councils which have juryrigged an intercom system between flats occupied by elderly people then passed them off as specialized accommodation in a bid to escape the right to buy. But there remains doubt over whether the government has thought through the consequences of declaring that accommodation for the elderly belongs to the general stock.

One consequence must surely be a reluctance on the part of councils to continue what in many areas has been good work

(that is, where a warden is resident) and so exempt from purchase. Another could be the loss of dwellings containing specialized equipment if, as Mi Gow said he intended, elderly tenants buy and are succeeded by able-bodied inheritors; for councils then to purchase these dwellings would involve a substantial loss of public money and an unwarranted capital gift to undeserving beneficiaries of the tenants' estate.

The Housing and Building Control Bill has not had a happy provenance. Before the election the House of Lords threw out a key clause on the right of tenants of charitable housing associations: since then, the government has slipped in important exchanges at obscure stages. Now it goes to the Lords again and again it deserves a thorough examination. The duties and responsibilities of local authorities to provide housing for the elderly are of long standing; it is a role in which Mr Gow himself has encouraged them. There are strong reasons of public finance and social need for the Lords to consider very carefully this week's amendments extending an otherwise sound principle to a special and vulnerable group.

#### Called to account

From Mr Azim Husain

Sir. I write as a former Deputy Secretary-General who served the Commonwealth Secretariat for over seven years under two Secretaries-General until 1978. I read your editorial "Called to account" of December 2 with much concern because it is so obviously based on lack of information or understanding of the rules and procedures which govern the working of the

There is a full measure of accountability. The secretariat is under constant scrutiny by the finance committee, consisting of all the 39 Commonwealth High Commissioners in London and a representative of the British Government, who approve the annual budget and also conduct a half-yearly review, after an elevenmember finance sub-committee has examined every aspect of expenditure in minute detail.

In addition, there is a wider ranging review by senior officials of the Commonwealth every two years, triennial reviews of salaries and allowances, and special reviews of the secretariat's objectives and priorities - there being two such in 1982, one of management structure and establishment, and another of classification, which have been progressively implemented in 1983. It is well recognized in the Commonwealth that its secretariat is

It is equally wrong to say that "its

competitive selection procedures. The two seniormost posts, like that of the Secretary-General, are elective; the rest are within the discretion of the Secretary-General, but he acts in accordance with general principles laid down in the agreed memorandum of 1965 by Heads of Commonwealth governments.

The most important principle is equitable geographical distribution. The vacancies in diplomatic positions are circulated to Commonwealth governments, and the semi-diplomatic and senior secretariat positions are intimated to High Commissions. Since Commonwealth governments have plenty of officials seeking experience and service in an international sec-retariat, there is keen competition for posts, and the Secretary-General cannot ignore consideration of such requests coming from Common-

wealth governments.
It is, therefore, both inaccurate and unfair to write of judicious patronage in senior appointments". More generally, such authority as has been delegated by Commonwealth governments to the Commonwealth Secretary-General in the matter of appointments is no more than has been delegated to the United Nations Secretary-General and the directors-general of the specialized agencies.

All this is quite easily ascertainable. One wonders why you chose to ignore it in so vigorous an attack on the secretariat two days after the successful Commonwealth meeting senior appointments smack of an in New Delhi and the unanimous old boy network", or owe little to decision of Commonwealth leaders

to invite the Secretary-General to serve a further term. Yours faithfully, AZIM HUSAIN. 14 Lytton Close, N2.

#### Oxford admissions

From Dr D. C. Potts

Sir, The Headmistress of Harrogate Grammar School (December 9) is only the latest in a line of distinguished heads whose letters to you show a total misapprehension of Oxford's new admissions policy, inasmuch as they assume that there will no longer be any place for seventh-term candidates.

The university's Admissions Office has made it quite clear that it is not seventh-term entry which is being abolished, but the seventhterm written examination. In its place, from December, 1985, onwards, seventh-term candidates will be asked to show their paces orally in a scrutiny of their abilities which will inevitable be more probing academically than the present interview which complements written papers.

There is no reason why Mrs Dance's dedicated staff should not prepare their pupils for this just as effectively as they have been doing for the written examination, and every reason, given the increasing importance in the modern world of verbal communication skills, for them to regard it as a challenge well worth meeting. Yours faithfully. D. C. POTTS.

Keble College, Oxford.

Sir, The present Government has, rightly and successfully, been encouraging this country to embrace new information technology. And yet it does not seem to be aware of the harm that will be caused to that development by two Bills at present before Parliament.

The Data Privacy Bill requires virtually all computerized databases to be registered and supervised; the exceptions are opposed by left-wing reformists. The Video Recordings Bill requires virtually all videotapes and videodisos to be registered and censored; the exceptions are op-posed by right-wing reformists.

If these two Bills pass into law the whole range of electronic publishing and information services will be subjected to control by state organs in a manner not seen in this cou since the Tudor licensing of the printing press.

As usual, the restrictions are introduced to meet perfectly valid fears, but in both cases the remedy is much broader and more dangerous to our liberties than is necessary, the video censorship Bill in particular giving vast unfettered powers to the Government which could easily be misused in the future: videos of The Day After, for instance, would be subject to pre-censorship.

The procedures and associated costs involved in complying with these new laws will bear particularly heavily on small businesses with their scant resources available to cope with such requirements. Video sales have been seen by many as a means of freeing us from the present restrictive patterns of film distribution, but the Bill will give added strength to the traditional film industry methods. In particular, the supply of cultural films and small quantity imports will be made very difficult

The two Bills merge together in the new area of videopublishing on laser discs and computer tapes. There are already signs that Standing Committee C may require interactive computer material to be subjected to video censorship. Video encyclopaedias and videojournalism are unlikely to escape scot-free, in spite of the "information, education or instruction" clause.

This is not a plea for video nasties or invasions of privacy. It is, however, an urgent warning to beware of the consequences of what, with the best of motives, we are now embarked upon. Yours faithfully.

**NEVILLE MARCH HUNNINGS,** Editor. Common Market Law Reports, European Law Centre Limited, 4 Bloomsbury Square, WC1. December 17.

### Jobs in Gibraltar

From Mr Michael J. Burnett Sir, There could hardly have been a more inappropriately titled leader than that of December 13 headed

Gift horse on the Rock". Firstly, Gibraltar is entering the ship repairing market at a time when virtually no ship repair yards, including those of British Shipbuilders, are profitable. Neighbouring regional shipyards at Cadiz, Huelva and Lisbon are heavily subsidised, have lower unit labour costs, and possess the same benefits of location which you ascribe to Gibraltar.

Secondly, the considerable overcapacity in world merchant fleets has led to many governments (and the EEC Commission) financing the scrapping of old ships and the rebuilding of new ships of more appropriate capacity, thus reducing

the potential repair market.

Thirdly, your leader ignores the possibility of the Spanish government applying clandestine commercial pressure to shipping lines not to use Gibraltar as a means of pursuing their territorial claim to the Rock. Within such a short period of transition the commercially managed shipyard in Gibraltar has very little chance of becoming profitable and thus of absorbing those currently employed in the dockyard (14 per cent of the total labour force) let alone of mopping up, as you suggest, unemployed construction

Without employment in the dockyard the retail sector will be further squeezed in addition to the estimated loss of some £8m per year of expenditure (11 per cent of GNP) arising from the discrimination practised by the Spanish authorities in their restricted opening of the land frontier.

Your leader has laid the ground for any failure of the commercialised yard to be attributed to trade union inflexibility, or the lack of determination to succeed of the Gibralta-rians as a whole. With the continued economic restrictions from Spain, perhaps the dockyard proposals would be better described as a Troian horse. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL J. BURNETT, Members' Room, The Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18.

#### Too chilling

From Sir Peter Vanneck, MEP for Cleveland (Conservative) Sir, Your letters headline on Friday, "Chilling prospect of a nuclear winter" (December 16), is too winter" unilaterally depressing. Thanks to the expanding use of nuclear power, all Europe, at any rate, can confidently switch on light and heat from cheap non-pollutant electricity sources to counter winter's dark and

cold. We should count our blessings as well as our worries. Yours faithfully, PETER VANNECK. Centre Européen, Plateau du Kirchberg, Boite postale 1601, Luxembourg. December 17.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

editorial seeks to draw support,

young people. Yet four fifths of these jobs would be created at the expense of adult workers and the

researchers admit that even these

results "are extremely tenuous and

should only be used as a possible

indication of the factors at work. There is therefore little evidence

to support your assertion that the wages councils have priced young

people - or for that matter anyone

else - out of work, Indeed, the abolition of the councils could lead

who are prepared to compete on the

basis of cheap labour, By maintaining fair competition between em-

ployers wages councils provide a measure of stability which allows

firms to plan ahead and to invest in

training or improved techniques.

resulting in greater productivity.
Thus Churchill, who established

the minimum wage system in 1909,

did so for the reason that "good

conditions make for industrial

efficiency and increase rather than

decrease competitive power." That

is why many employers, as well as

trade unions, will oppose your

proposal to abolish the wages councils. In their industries, mini-

mum wages are not a matter of

restrictive practice, but a basis of

The scientific community in

Britain lives under the discipline of

editors who will not publish in reputable journals the results of

research which involved unethical

decline to publish a document obtained by the betrayal of a position of trust? I am casuist

enough to recognize that there might

be circumstances in which such

to the winks and nods by means of

which "the press thrives on notional breaches of trust by its informants".

But before we slide too far, is it not

employed in conveyancing trans-

actions? Will the purchasers' adviser

understand the underlying signifi-

cance of the declaration in the

widely used Land Registry Form 19(JP) that the survivor of joint

transferees "can/cannot give a valid

considerations that may in a particular case render it desirable to

create a beneficial tenancy in common, so deleting the word "can"

from the declaration? And what if

one party fails to complete on the

agreed date? Serving a notice to

complete can be a tricky business, as

These are only some aspects of a

That the solicitors' monopoly in

typical transfer that the "licensed conveyancer" will encounter.

routine conveyancing matters can

no longer be justified is certainly debatable. To throw open registered conveyancing to any untrained and

inexperienced person is quite inde-

Stepping out in style

From Mr Stephen Drake-Jones

villages along the route.

Sir, With the Royal Green Jackets retracing Sir John Moore's retreat to

La Coruña this Christmas (report, December 16) they may be confi-

dent of a warm reception from the

After many years' research while living in Madrid I followed the very

same retreat. The town of Benavente

had three historical structures of

some importance prior to the

Osuna's Palace, the monastery and the Roman bridge over the River

Esla. The bridge was blown by Captain Boothby, of the Royal Engineers, on Christmas Day and

taken apart by elements of Moore's

the mayor, priest and local his-

torians, blame the French. The convent of Santa Margarita in

Astorga suffered at the hands of the British. In 1981 the nuns told me

how the French came and destroyed

From Cacabelos, Villafranca and

The Royal Green Jackets have

through every village to La Coruña the local Spaniards blame the

French for all the atrocities commit-

nothing to fear, history has been

more than kind and Sir John may

S. DRAKE-JONES, Chairman,

The Wellington Society,

The official history, supported by

both the palace and monaster

War: the Duquesa of

solicitors have sometimes dis-

Will he be aware of fiscal or other

receipt for capital money . . ."

time to re-examine the principle?

Yours faithfully, G. R. DUNSTAN.

Penusylvania,

Devon. December 18.

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fensible.

Yours faithfully,

Faculty of Law, The University,

Leicester. December 14

Peninsular

regiments.

ted by the British.

rest in peace.

Yours sincerely.

Portina Lodge, 19a Green Lane,

December 15.

D. G. BARNSLEY,

9 Maryfield Avenue,

You go on in your leader to allude

collusion could be justified.

Should not a reputable newspaper

good employment practice.

Yours sincerely.

you, indeed?

procedures.

iobs were lost, not created.

#### Fear of restriction Too high a price for the job in hand? on video From the Director of the Low Pay

From the Editor of the Common Market Law Reports Sir, You argue (leading article, December 20) that wages councils, which set legal minimum rates of pay for nearly three million of the lowest paid and largely non-unionised workers, "tend to price young people out of jobs" and should be abolished.

Before following your counsel, ministers would be wise to ask themselves why it is, therefore, that youth unemployment has risen most sharply since the mid-1970s, a period in which the earnings of young people relative to adults have fallen. They should also examine the success of the Young Workers Scheme (YWS), which must surely be the litmus test of the wage-cutting strategy for job creation.

The scheme is designed explicitly to cut the wages of young people; employers receive a subsidy of £15 a week for each young person they employ at wages of less than £42 a week. There is no requirement to provide training or even demonstrate that they have taken on new youngsters. The only condition is

that they pay low wages.
YWS has been undeniably successful in cutting young people's wages, Indeed, in some cases employers are receiving a subsidy herause they are paying wages below wages council legal minimum rates. But how successful has the scheme been in creating new jobs?

Last week the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee reported that 77 per cent of the jobs subsidised under YWS would have existed anyway and that the few new jobs created cost the Exchequer £5,355 each. Most employers simply cut the wages of young people they already employ, or replace older workers with youngsters. By the test of the Young Workers Scheme the wage-cutting strategy has been a dismai failure in creating new jobs.

CHRIS POND, Director, Low Pay Unit, 9 Poland Street, W1. Nor does the recent research December 20. your hands you "would have used the information therein." Would

#### A journalist's 'duty'

From Sir Alec Atkinson

Sir, On December 17 you tell us that rather than disclose the source of a confidential report it is "usually the duty of a journalist...to say nothing and take the consequences, which may in the last resort include imprisonment for contempt". On the other hand, on December

14, in connexion with the NGA dispute, you welcomed a statement by Mr Kinnock that "he did not condone breaches of the law". Wherein lies the difference? Yours faithfully,

ALEC ATKINSON, Bleak House, The Drive, Belmont Sutton, Surrey.

From Professor G. R. Dunstan Sir, You write in your leading article of December 17, on the printing by The Guardian of a "leaked" secret memorandum, that had it fallen into

#### House Buyers Bill

From Professor D. G. Barnsley Sir. Anyone reading the House Buyers Bill will immediately notice one glaring omission. Nowhere is there any requirement that a "licensed conveyancer" needs to

have any relevant legal training or even a rudimentary understanding land law, contract or conveyancing principles. There is a real danger that the public will assume that the issue of a

licence implies a minimum standard of competence. This will not be so. It is difficult to see how the Consumers' Association can actively support the passing of legislation which will facilitate the undertaking of legal work for gain by persons having no legal knowledge or skill. This desire to foist untrained conveyancers on the general public

stands in stark contrast to their recent warnings to householders about the dangers of employing inexperienced plumbers (see the September 1983, issue of Which? Will the untrained, albeit licensed,

conveyancer know how to draft the contract for sale so as to discharge the vendor's legal duty of disclosure? Will he appreciate the purport of the standard form conditions of sale

#### **Mosley and Germany**

Front Mr James Ennis

Sir, In your report (December 13) of the interrogation of Sir Oswald Mosley on July 2, 1940, he is reported as saying: "I do not believe among my own supporters there are any at all who would even sympathize with Germany in a struggle against this country. This contention is simply not

true. Within an hour of declaration of war the crew of a German freighter, berthed in West India Docks, were marched by an escort of the Metropolitan Police and the 2nd Battalion of the London Scottish, to Thames Police Court, in Arbook Square, from where they were later transferred to internment. On the way to the court they passed through Salmon Lane, a notorious fascist area with a thriving BUF

shop.
The local residents cheered them and encouraged them enthusiastically as if they were a victorious football team. I saw and heard the entire incident.

am also credibly informed (although I was not present on the occasion) that, when Winston Churchill visited Bethnal Green after an air raid, he was loudly booed in Green Street, another notorious fascist area, in which the local BUF headquarters had earlier been situated.

The above two incidents, to my knowledge, were not representative of the East End of London as a whole, but they are enough to refute Mosley's contention Yours faithfully, JAMES ENNIS. aledonian Club 9 Halkin Street, SW1.

#### Aid for the small businessman paper produced by the Department Employment, from which your

From Lord Wilson of Rievaulx Sir, Your note on page 21 of The Times for December 16 ("Why small businesses don't grow into big businesses") is timely and much needed. The Small Business Re-

provide convincing evidence in favour of job creation through lower wages. The report suggests that a 10 per cent cut in youth pay would result in 70,000 to 100,000 jobs for search Trust is clearly doing valuable work. At the political and governmental level there remains one important proposal of the Committee to Review the Functioning of the Financial Institutions (Cmnd 7937 of June, 1980) on which so far no

action has been taken.
Lloyd George, it will be recalled,
at the time of his controversial "People's Budget" of 1909, established Cosira - the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas.

to a competitive spiral of wage undercutting in which firms and Our review committee proposed that a similar council to assist small industries in urban areas (Cosurba) Firms who compete on the basis be established, and this was formally of efficiency, design and the quality of product would find themselves proposed in the Commons debate undermined by those less efficient

on the report. A Conservative MP with City experience in his youth, followed by a period working in financial institutions in New York, had won a place in the Friday ballot and took the City inquiry report as his subject, I followed him with an account of our proposals. Unfortunately there has been no Government action aimed at en-

dorsing our recommendations. Many of our biggest firms begar as small enterprises - for example Unilever, which began with the brothers boiling up soup in their mother's kitchen.

Today, with well over four millions unemployed, if we include those without jobs who retired early with their pension fund entitlements, and two if not three generations of school-leavers subsisting - for a time - on Govern ment work schemes, the case for giving effect to Cosurba is stronge than ever, and the Governmeshould now take action to make the committee's proposal a reality. Yours etc.

WILSON OF RIEVAULX, House of Lords.

#### **Preserving buildings**

From Mr Clive Aslet

Sir. Sir John Summerson (article December 17) is puzzled by arguments for preserving buildings which do not depend on purely architectural merit. But such arguments have a long pedigree and were advanced with eloquence by Vanbrugh in his memorandum on the preservation of Woodstock Manor. dated June 11, 1709.

Buildings of distant times, wrote the architect of Blenheim.
... move more lively and pleasing Reflections (than History without their aid can do) on the Persons who have inhabited them; on the remarkable things which have been transacted in them, or the extraordi-

By contrast, the position of the architectural historian discriminating about excellence of design is comparatively modern. There is surely every reason why buildings which people have come to know and love over the years, and which lend a sense of stability and permanence to their neighbourhood, should be preserved, even when experts disagree on whether they are masterpieces on the highest intellectual plane.

Yours faithfully. CLIVE ASLET, Honorary Secretary, The Thirties Society.
3 Park Square West, NW1.

#### Rail archive disposal

From Mr Gerry Burt

Sir, In answer to Dr P. W. Lewis (December 17), the Railway Board's policy is to offer all historical records to the Public Record Office where the bulk of this material is now kept, or to the National Railway Museum. Dr Lewis is entirely wrong therefore in implying that the original Brunel drawings will be disposed of "in a cavalier

Whether or not the Public Record Office need the assistance of a working party in reaching a decision on the acceptance of specific records must be for them to judge.

In dealing with the national railway archives, I can assure you that the Railways Board acts in a responsible manner, tempered only by the constraints imposed by shortage of money and the need to reduce rather than add to its staff Yours sincerely.

GERRY BURT, Chief Secretary, British Railways Board, Euston Square, PO Box 100, NW1. December 21.

#### Lines of beauty

From Mr Jeremy Montagu Sir, A recent letter (December 9) advocated the planting of evenly spaced avenues of trees along motorways. We should remember that it was such an avenue that cost us the life of the greatest horn player of our time, Dennis Brain.

The regular and inexorable "ft, ft, ft" as one drives through such an avenue has a powerful hypnotic effect, especially when one is tired from a day's work and a long journey. There is enough maybem on our motorways already without introducing new hazards. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, JEREMY MONTAGU, 171 Iffley Road, Oxford,

#### Slim difference

From Lord O'Neill of the Maine Sir, If the Americans are happy with a paper dollar, worth less than our pound, why should we be unhappy with our pound note? Yours faithfully, O'NEILL OF THE MAINE, House of Lords, December 21.

# **COURT AND** SOCIAL

Mr Arthur Schmidt wishes all his

friends a merry Christmas, as he will not be sending any Christmas cards.

The Lebanese Maronite Com-

#### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 22: The Reverend
Professor Owen Chadwick had the
honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member

of the Order of Merit.

Sir Sidney Nolan had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Merit. Order of Merit.
Marshal of the Royal Air Force

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Captain R. G. Cart, RAMC and Dr J. E. Baldwin
The engagement is announced between Robin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. H. M. Carr, of Great Annwell, Hertfordshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. E. Baldwin, of Chandlers Ford,

#### Mr N. P. Conis and Miss S. J. Adebead

The engagement is announced between Nigel Peter, only son of Mr between Nigel Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Cunis. of Sanderstead, Surrey, and Sarah Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Adshead, of Bromley, Kent, and Wickwar, Gloucestershire.

#### Mr M. St J. Day and Miss J. G. Dickson

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M. G. Day, of Pudsey, Yorkshire, and Janette, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs D. Dickson, of Jordanhill,

#### Mr P. D. Gladwell

and Mins T. J. Woodward The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gladwell, of Lower Upham, Southampton, and Tracy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Morris, of Haddington,

Mr A. M. Guite and Deaconess M. A. Hutchison The engagement is announced between Phillip, youngest son of Dr between Ayodeji Malcolm, son of Professor and Mrs Harold Guite, of Hampshire, and Kate, younger Hamilton. Ontarlo, and Margaret daughter of Mr and Mrs Hampshead, and Mrs S. W. Turner, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

#### Mr M. J. H. Littlejoha and Miss I. A. Paschetta

The engagement is announced between Mark Littlejohn, of Highgate, London, and Isabelle Paschetta, of Nice, France.

Mr P. T. Mailary and Miss F. M. G. Neville-Rolfe The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the Rev R. and Mrs De Witt Mallary, of New York City, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmund Neville-Rolfe, of Tisbury, Wiltshire.

#### Mr E. J. Milton

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs J. Milton, of Ringwood, Hampshire, and Willow, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. C. Feather, of Prestwold, Leicestershire.

#### Birthdays today

Lord Bancroft, 61; Mrs C. Bicknell, 64; Mr Archibald Black, 76; Lord Blake, 67; Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Carlill, 81; Professor Sir Theodore Crawford, 72; Mr Maurice Denham, 74; Mr Richard Findliner, 62; Mr Christopher Lawrence, 47; Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Macnab, 84; Miss J. M. Quennell, 60; Herr Helmut Sch-midt, 65; Mrs William Temple, 93; Mr Rayner Unwin, 58.

#### Memorial service

Mr A. N. Steel A memorial service for Mr Anthony Steel was held on Wednesday at the Holy Trinity, Bromptom. The Rev Sandy Millar officiated. Mr Timothy Steel (son) read the lesson and Sir Nicholas Goodison (Chairman of the Stock Exchange) gave an address.

#### Latest appointments Latest appointments include: Grou Captain V. B. Howells to be Aide

de-Camp to the Queen. He succeeds Group Captain M. J. C. W. Dicken. Group Captain D. Cousins to be Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, in succession to Group Captain A. A.

Dr W. A. Holmes-Walker, to be Secretary General of the Common Market Brewers' Association in

Mrs D. J. Main, chairman of Wiltshire education committee, to be a member of the School

# ber 25, 1983 at 11am at St Edward's Convent Chapel, 11 Harewood Avenue, London NW1 (nearest Tube station, Marylebone). Every-

Order of the Thistle.

Mr B. D. Ress and Miss V. Ovenden The marriage has been arranged between Barnaby David, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Ross, of The Monk's Barn. Sherborne, and Virginia, daughter of the Rev Nigel and Mrs Ovenden, of Compton Rectory,

and Miss T. M. Stopford and Miss 1. M. Stopford
The engagement is announced between Anton, second son of Mr A.
G. Simon, of Portsmouth, Hampshire, and Mrs M. M. Simon, of Newton Kyme, Yorkshire, and Tess, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs M. R. H. Stopford, of Eulban London.

#### Mr S.A. Skillman and Miss H. C. Jameson

The engagement is announced between Samuel Skillman, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and Helen Jameson, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

#### Mr D. F. Venn and Miss M. F. Fikret

The engagement is announced between Duncan Venn, Roya between Duncan Venn, Royal Anglican Regiment, eldest son of Group Capiain and Mrs M. G. P. Venn, of RAF (H), Ely, and Filiz, elder daughter of the late Mr H. Fikret, of Cyprus, and Mrs E. Fikret. Mr. O. Vetter and Mhs C. R. C. Wood

# The engagement is announced between Olivier, elder son of Professor J. P. Vetter, of Montreal, and Mme M. Vetter, and Kate, daughter of Mr R. C. Wood and Mrs

#### P. M. Wood, of Guernsey. Captain P. J. Ward, RAMC,

The engagement is announced between Phillip, youngest son of Dr and Mrs F. H. Ward, of Havant,

Mr B. Zeeve and Miss C. Chamberlaia The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of Mr and Mrs R. Zeeve, of Tel Aviv, Israel, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Chamberlain, of Spring Cottago, 62 Wellington Road, Edghaston, Birmingham.

#### **Marriages** Mr G. E. Goodhew

The marriage of Mr Gordon Goodhew and Mrs Susan Holmes took place on Wednesday, December 14, 1983.

#### Mr C. E. Graves d Mrs B. M. Hunter Beattie

The marriage has taken place quietly in Ipswich between Mr Charles Edward Graves, of Terting, Essex, and Mrs Belissa Mary Hunter Beattie (nee Stanley), of East Bergholt, Suffolk.

#### Church news

The Rev A B Morton to be Vicar of Meiling with Taliamp, diorese of Blackburn.

The Rev M W Searle, Vicar of St. Crevaid's, Bestiminster Down, diocese of Bristol, to be Vicar of Carlet the Servant. Stockwood, to be vicar of Carlet the Servant. The Rev W Sheryold, Rector of Tanskal and parish priest of Rodynersham, diocese of Canterbury, to be team Vicar of All Saints Pophar, diocese of Canterbury, to be team Vicar of All Saints Pophar, diocese of Canterbury, to be team Vicar of All Saints Pophar, diocese of Canterbury, with Easton Grey and Luckington with Bertollians, same diocese. If Charge of Bristol, to be also priest. In charge of Forder with Bertollians, same diocese. If Charge of Allethorpe, diocese of York, to be also team Vicar in the newly formed Pocklington team ministry, same diocese. The Rev J Woodhouse, Vicar of Pocklington with Yapham-cum-Mellonby and Cowellag, diocese of York, to be state the Cavendala, diocese of York, to be state the Search of the newly formed Pocklington team ministry, same diocese.

Oxford

The following awards at Oxford colleges have been announced: BRASENOSE COLLEGE - Open scholarships: Chemistry. A Booth, Marchant

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Retirements and resignations
The Rev L P Clare, vicer of Kirkhymoer
with Cillamoor, Farndale and Brands
diocess of York, to relief on February 4,
The Rev D A Moure, Rector
Kimipelman March, Rector The Rev F E Wanking, Rector of Abba and Temple Combe with Horstogion diocese of Bath and Wells, to retire.

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Wrens' church St Mary-le-Strand, London, has become the official church of the Women's Royal Naval Service, the Women's Royal Naval Reserve and the Association of Wrens.

# Oxford dons claim lunar eclipse clue fixes date of crucifixion

have solved the debate over the date of Christ's crucifixion.

Colin Humphrey and Fractice Waddington, of the the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Department of Metallurgy and cience of Materials, calculate the date to be April 3, AD33.

> They base their research on a hitherto unnoticed clue about a blood-red moon" - a lunar

Their article, published in the yeekly journal Nature, explains munity in London announces the celebration of a Christmas Mass by Father Antoine Sleiman on Decemthat the only certainty about the date of the crucifixion is that it occurred during the 10 years Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judaea - AD26-36.

There are advocates for virtually every year during this period, while the actual day of execution is also uncertain since there appears to be a difference of one day between the date given by the gospel of John and

thew, Mark and Luke.

But all four gospels agree that Christ died a few hours before the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath, nightfall on Friday, and - within a day - that it was the time of the Passover, the

annual Jewish feast held at the

time of a full moon. The two scholars reconstructed the Jewish calendar of the first century AD, improving

on earlier versions. They computed new astrophysical data which cut the number of possible dates to

Those were reduced to two by the use of evidence from the Bible - April 7, AD30, and April 3, AD33. Humphreys and Waddington then turned to reports that the Moon appeared like blood on the evening of Christ's cruci-

biblical annals to explain that AD33. such a phrase was commonly used to describe a lunar eclipse.

They point out that during a lunar eclipse the moon turns red because although it is in the Earth's shadow, sunlight still reaches it by refraction in the Earth's atmosphere and having traversed a long path through the atmosphere the blue end of

the spectrum is removed. "It is, therefore, surprising that the link between the crucifixion and a lunar eclipse does not appear to have been made before.

They say they used the "most comprehensive data available in the light of Babylonian

records and long-term changes in the Earth's rate of rotation. They discovered there was only one lunar eclipse at Passover time visible from

There were 11 other lunar eclipses during the 10-year period but not one took place both on a Friday and at the Passover, they say.

The experts explain it was well-known that some lunar eclipses turned the shadowed area of the Moon blood red and the clear part to a yellow-orange

"The lunar eclipse on the same night as the crucifixion would have been interpreted by many as a supernatural sign, Humphreys and Waddington

"It may well have been an important factor influencing the overnight change of mind of the Jews and Pilate towards the body of Jesus, leading to the placing of a military guard on the tomb."

### **Princess** to visit Norway

The Princess of Wales is to visit Norway in the new year, her first trip abroad without the Prince of Wales since the funeral of Princess Grace of Monaco.

The princess has accepted an invitation for a night at the ballet with the Crown Prince and Princess of Norway. She will fly to Oslo on February 11, and is expected to return the next day. During her stay, she will attend a gala performance of Carmen by the London City Ballet.

The Princess will spend the night in Oslo as a guest of Crown Prince Harald and Princess Sonja of Harald and Princess Sonja of Norway, who are cousins of the Queen, She has been patron of the London City Ballet since July,

#### Viscount's unity effort remembered

A service is to be held at York Minster next month to commemor ate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the Viscount Halifax, the distinguished churchman and pion-eer for unity between Anglicans and

Roman Catholics.

One of the first significant contacts between the two faiths was his meetings with Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines-Brussels. The Cardinal gave a ring to Viscount Halifax, which has been incorporated in a chalice to be used at the Cammemoration services on at the Commemoration services on January 21 and 22 when the present Archbishop of Malines-Brussels, Monsignor Godfried Danneels, will preach.

#### Latest wills

#### £400,000 left to charity

Charities have benefited by more than £400,000 from the will of Mr Frank William George Pickford, of Heston, west London, who died in

August.
Mr Pickford left estate valued at 440.689 eross. £439.589 net. Afte 2440,089 gross, 2439,389 net. Aner bequests totalling £22,000, includ-ing £5,000 for North Cheriton parish Church. Somerset, the residue is to be shared by Dr Barnardo's, the Children's Society; Chest, Heart and Stroke Association; Marie Curie Memorial Foundation; Spassics Society; the Artists General Benevolent Fund; the Cardio Thoracic Institute; Royal National Institute for the Blind and Save the Children Fund.

Mrs Joy Frances Colvin. of Mrs Joy Frances Colvia, or Alresford, Hampshire, who founded The Royal Navy War Libraries at a small bookshop in the Strand in 1940, and which grew into an international network, left estate valued at £106,301 net.

Miss Eileen Mary Asquith, of Wentbridge, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £591,532 net. Mr John Ashlin Cutforth, of Navenby, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £538,568 net. Joan Winifred Warren, of Wells, Somerset, left estate valued at

£130,897 gross, £129,439 net. She left £1,000 to the National Trust, and the residue equally between the Cats Protection League, the PDSA and the Wood Green Animal

Wiggins Olive Myra, of Cowfold, West Sussex, left estate valued at £129,448 net. She left most of her estate equally between the Royal Ulster Constabulary Benevolent Fund, Belfast, and the Belfast Beneditary Palied Fund Protestant Relief Fund.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Alsop Mr Jackson, of High Coniscliffe, co Durham....£514,172 Adams Mr Frederick, of Felsham, Suffolk.....£471,448

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### **OBITUARY**

### LORD PILKINGTON Businessman and public figure

Lord Pilkington, who died yesterday at the age of 78, was one of the outstanding businessmen of his generation. Under his leadership, the fourth generation of his family took Pilkington Brothers Ltd into glass manufacturing on every continent, and at the same time, with their Float process, transformed the craft into a scientific operation which came to be used round the world.

Pilkington emerged as a national figure in 1953 when, still under 50, he became president of the Federation of British Industries. He became even better known as chairman of the Royal Commission on Doctors' and Dentists' Pay (1957-60) and of the Committee on Broadcasting named after him (1960-62).

The product of a devout and long-standing Congregationalist family, he combined a belief in the virtue of hard work with a strong sense of responsibility. It was these qualities which led him to use his great energies, not only in promoting the family company, but in taking on public positions.

William Henry Pilkington, known as Harry, was born at St Helens, in Lancashire, on April 19, 1905 the eldest son of Richard Austin Pilkington and his wife Hope. Educated at Rugby and Magdalene College. Cambridge, he joined the glass business in 1927, where he underwent an initial period of probation before becoming a full Board member in 1934. He was chairman of the company from 1949 to 1973. He combined the chairman-

ship with the position of finance director on the executive committee. With his cousin, Douglas Phelps, who chaired this executive, Arthur Pilkington, in charge of sales, and others he led Pilkington's through a quarter of a century of growth and prosperity, and transformed it in 1970 into a public company.

This success was attributable in part to a rapid spread of motor vehicles round the world and to the high level of building activity; it was also due in part to his own remarkable dedication and energy, spread over his many and various activities.

In 1952 Pilkington carried out an investigation into the methods and costs of school building Two years later he served on the Crichel Down enquiry. In 1957 work began in the Royal Commission on Doctors' and Dentists' Pay, which brought out a report in 1960 recommending all-round pay increases.

Soon after that Pilkington was selected to head the Committee on Broadcasting. This committee's report, published in 1962, had a considerable impact with its praise for the BBC and its sharp criticism of independent television: It recommended that the BBC should be authorized to provide the third television programme in Britain, and called for sweeping reorganization of independent television.

From 1955 to 1972 Pilkington served as a governor or the Bank of England. He was knighted in 1953 and created a

life peer in 1968.

He was by nature rather shy, the product perhaps of a strict upbringing. Many people remarked upon the great change which came about after his second marriage, in 1961, to Mrs Mavis Wilding, which seemed to give him the suport

But for many years he was as active physically as he was mentally. At a time of life when others would have given up the game, he would have his colleagues playing tennis before breakfast, even when in central London. And for short distances the bicycle was his preferred mode of transport; after a City function he would often sur-prise the other guests by putting on his clips and cycling off into the night.

To the end he remained loyal to St Helens and the employees of Pilkington's. He was an active member of the local community, serving on the local bench and as chairman of the North-West Regional Council for Sport and Recreation. In his latter years he would write personal letters to pensioners when they reached their 80th

birthday, and later milestones. He had married in 1930 Rosamond Margaret Rowan, who died in 1953. He is survived by his second wife, and a son and a daughter.

#### RAYMOND MANDER

Raymond Mander, who died Gilbert and Sullivan opera, and aged 72 was an actor who became, with his actor friend, Joe Mitchenson, one of the most dedicated theatre historians.

When they met, well over 40 years ago, they recognised their interest in anything theatrical, past and present. Their assemblage of memorabilia, programmes, pictures, china, books, all that bore on the subject, grew so swiftly that soon their large houe in Venner Road, Sydenham, was crowded with the fruits of assiduous

and details; all who knew him or spoke to him on the would give unhesitatingly a The Petrified Forest (1942).

precise answer. With Joe Mitchenson he Dragon King in Where the wrote 20 books on such matters Rainbow Ends and for a time he as the present and lost theatres and Joe Mitchenson managed of London, revue, music hall, the Grand Theatre, Croydon.

in London on December 19, much else. The Artist and the Theatrs (1955), one of their best, was on Somerset Maugham's collection of theatre portraits, now in the foyers of the National

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Mander and Mitchenson provided research and pictures for at least 800 books and they organized many exhibitions. The Mander and Mitchenson Collection, for the last six years a charitable trust, will be moved presently to a new permanent home at Beckenham Place, Bromley.

As an actor, Raymond Mander began in Shakespeare Raymond Mander had an with the Harold Neilson comastonishing memory for dates pany on tour 50 years ago; he played in the spectacular Henry V directed by Lewis Casson for telephone, were used to the Ivor Novello at Drury Lane in friendly, forthright voice that 1938, and, with Owen Nares in

He was familiar as the

### FANIA FÉNELON

Fania Fenelon, who has died whose strains accompanied the in Paris at the age of 75, was a passage of fellow inmates to the former inmate of Auschwitz gas chambers, and on one who owed her survival to the occasion performed before fact that she played in an Himmler. It was conducted by orchestra whose function was to divert her captors and tormentors. Many years later she chose to exorcize the horrifying ghosts of those years in the book, The Musicians of Auschwitz which was published in 1977.
She had been born half
French, half Jewish and before

the war had studied piano at the Paris Conservatoire. In 1943 she was arrested on charges of being involved in the Resistance and in 1944 was deported to Auschwitz The Musicians of Auschwitz

tells the bizarre story of how she, along with others of

participate in a camp orchestra grave in the role of Fania.

Mahler. Fania Fenelon's musical facility saved her from death and she survived to welcome the liberators of the camp in 1945. After the war she lived in East Germany where she had a successful career as a singer for some years before returning to

no less an inmate than Alma

Rose the niece of Gustav

Her book was scripted by Arthur Miller and made into a television film, Playing for Time, in 1980, this became notorious - and in Israel was banned - for the choice of the musical bent, was chosen to PLO supporting Vanessa Red-

#### LEGH WINSER

Legh Winser who has died in Australia at the age of 99 was a former cricketer who also acted as mediator between the Australian cricket authority and the MCC when the bodyline war was at its height in 1932-33.

Winser had kept wicket for Staffordshire for two years before emigrating to Australia n 1909 and playing Sheffield Shield cricket

At the time of the bodyline tour he was secretary to the Governor of South Australia, the latter happening to be on leave in England at the time of

greatest tension between the two countries, after the ugly scenes in the Adelaide Test match. Winser was intimately concerned with the exchange of cables between the Australian Board of Control and the MCC at a period when the future of the tour - indeed the relationship between Britain and Australia seemed likely to be in jeopardy.

He was a noted amateur golfer, winning the Australian amateur title once; in later years he regularly "beat his age" at golf, on one occasion playing 18 holes in 76, at the age of 87.

#### Cloning and lasers herald the end of tooth decay New York (N.Y. Times News Dr Harald Loe, director of in the past decade tooth decay the National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, Maryland, says the revolution in dental research, technology

Service) - Public health officials in the United States are predicting the virtual end of tooth decay among children and young adults by the end of the century because of new developments in dental technology and the fluoridation of water supplies. This year alone advances in dental research have ranged

from the identification of the gene that produces tooth enamel, and thus the potential for cloning it by genetic engineering, to the use of lasers in an experimental method of recrystallizing the mineral structure of decaying Coupled with the wider use of finorides and sealants, the

officials say, the new tech-nology should almost balt

tooth decay for people under the age of 50 within the

forsecable future.

and treatment over the past decade has yielded remarkable results.

By the end of the century the loss of teeth would be rare, he believed.

Fluoridation, which was started as a research project in Michigan in 1945, came to New York State shortly afterwards and accelerated in the 1960s, has led to an enormous decrease in tooth decay in young people.
Fluoridation itself was ac-

companied by research into other types of dental protection, such as plastic coatings for teeth. According to one federal survey, more than one third of Americans under 17 bave no

tooth decay at all today, while

in those under 17 has been

Science report

Dr Albert Russell, a dental researcher at the University of Michigan, has studied the effects of fluoridation in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the first American city deliberately to fluoridate its water. He estimates that tooth decay among young people there has been reduced by 80 per cent.

According to Dr Loc, the treatment of gum disease among the middle-aged and elderly remained a serious problem that had not been adequately researched. However, the National Dental Institute was beginning

to research the ailments of older Americans. Among the solutions would be widespread use of a mouth rinse that would help to kil the bacteria that start gum dis-

ease. Such a procedure, widely used in Europe, is among the many that have been discussed recently at meetings of dental

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Facelift for a queen: Mr Colin Hill, a stonemason, preparing to restore the head of Queen

near Northampton. Only two other original crosses marking the resting places of the

queen's funeral cortege travelling from Harby, Nottinghamshire, to London in 1290 survive. They are at Geddington, Northamptonshire, and Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire.

(Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

**University news** 

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This mouth, Dr Harold C. Slavkin, a professor of bio-chemistry at the University of Southern California's school of dentistry, and Mr Malcolm L. Snead, of Baylor University, reported that they had taken the initial step toward identifying genetic material that would cause yeast cells to manufacture the protein molecules for dental enamel.

predicted that when the process is perfected, perhaps in five years, yeast cells would be implanted in cavities, where they would grow clined enamel crystals that would be more attractive and last longer than the metal and porcelain now used in fillings.

The two dental researchers

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: Christmas Crib and Gift Service. 2; E. 3. Walmisley in D minor, Tomorrow shall be my dancing day (Gardner): Midminst Eucharist, 11.30. Schubert in G. Right Rev E. G. Knapp Febrer. Schubert in G. Right feet E. G. Knapp Febre. 21. J. S. A. H. C. St. H. C. H. C. H. St. H. C. St.

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## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

# Fraser expects Lonrho to attempt the obvious

In the wake of the tragic bombing of Harrods, the price of House of Fraser shares has risen 20p to within twopence of the high for the year, Business in the stock market, as in the most famous of Fraser's department stores, has continued more or less as usual and the movement in the shares has caused a fresh rash of speculation about Fraser's fate. This turns, as everyone by now knows, on the outcome of the relentless steep of the Fraser board by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland who, through Lonrho, directly commands just under 30 per cent of Fraser's equity. Mr Rowland's stated objective is to demerge Harrods from House of Fraser. So far Professor Roland Smith, the chairman, and the majority of Fraser directors (Lonrho has two Fraser directors, Mr Rowland and Lord Duncan-Sandys) have thwarted him.

Suggestions in the market yesterday that the beleagured majority had agreed to hiving off Harrods, and Professor Smith was giving up the struggle, were dismissed by the company as "total and absolute garbage". But my instinct tells me that Mr Rowland has been too quiet for too long. I understand that his offer to sponsor the Derby for £600,000 has been turned down by the Jockey Club because of a certain condition he laid down and his decision to put seasonal greetings from Lonrho in the windows of the former Bunny Club in Park Lane, now owned by Lonrho, has also caused a certain furore. But the big prize remains Harrods and if Mr Rowland does not move soon, he may not be able to

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Time is ticking away in the Department of Trade and Industry's inquiry into the Fraser share register. This was ordered in August when Mr John Griffiths, a former attorney-general for Hongkong was appointed to discover whether heavy buying of Fraser shares, mainly from abroad, was "in concert" and, therefore in contravention of the 1981 Companies Act. Lonrho said at the time that "we have nothing to fear from this investigation."

Mr Griffiths ought to complete his work within two months at the outside. Should he, or the Government on the basis on his findings, decide, say, to disenfranchise

certain holders of Fraser shares who might just conceivably support Mr Rowland, the muster of Lonrho votes for demerging Harrods, should such a resolution again be put to an extraordinary shareholders' meeting, would be heavily impaired.

Mr Rowland therefore may still be

looking for an opportunity to display his strength before Mr Griffiths reports to the Minister. His obvious tactic still is to find a pretext for removing Professor Smith, and with him Mr Ernest Sharp and probably Mr George Willoughby from the Fraser board. He needs only a simple majority to perpetrate the deed, but a man of his cunning, surely should find the obvious beneath him,

#### Hawley goes fishing in the Midlands

The energetic Mr Michael Ashcroft, chairman of Hawley Group, has again displayed imaginative, and profitable, acumen in two new deals. Yesterday morning he announced the acquisition of a 29.9 per cent stake in the Midland-based brokers Fyshe. Horton, Finney & Co. (FHF). FHF satisfy Mr Ashcroft's various criteria. It is outside London; adminstrative costs are low; it is closely connected with the small business clients among whom Mr Ashcroft sees a promising future. (FHF was also once Howley's brokers; the firm is modern in outlook; it has a fully computerized operation; and it came relatively cheap.

Mr Ashcroft paid less than six figures for an entry into a new form of financial service business expected to grow from the restructuring taking place in the Stock Exchange, Others have paid millions. He describes his purpose as "gaining a position on the starting block, if, and when, we decide that the race is worth

That decision seems to have been made. Hawley Group's Procroft subsidiary is a licensed dealer. It recently underwrote the Pineapple Dance Centre's rights issue, with an option to acquire 10 per cent. If the Pine apple share price doubles in the next two years Hawley will show a neat £400,000 net profit.

## Old Lady's loss is GEC's gain

Gordon Richardson, now Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, would have liked another spell as Governor of the Bank of England: not perhaps another full fiveyear term, but perhaps two or so years before making way for his successor.

Mrs Thatcher, however, preferred to make a new appointment, before the General Election, and Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton moved from the chair at National Westminster to embrace the Old Lady (of Threadneedle Street, that is) on

Lord Richardson is too sage and valuable a man to spend aimless days in a quiet office at the Bank of England, thoughtfully arranged on his behalf by Sir Jasper Hollom, a former deputy governor and still a member of the Court. Not surprisingly, his first post-governmental step is into that modern Greek gymnasium, the boardroom of General Electric, now presided over by Lord Carrington, with the irrepressible Lord Weinstock as permanently resident director of studies.

Lord Richardson's age may preclude his succeeding Lord Carrington, aged 64, when the former Foreign Secretary leaves to become secretary-general of Nato next June. Lord Richardson is 68 and GEC directores are expected to retire at 70. That said, he would be an admirable choice. At the Bank of England he had a justifed reputation for hard work and for expecting colleagues to work just as hard as he did. He has a wide knowledge of the economy, both domestical and international and the analytical and precise mind of the best lawyers his expertise in financial affairs might come in handy should Lord Weinstock and Sir Kenneth Bond want to move GEC's almost legendary cash mountains.

GEC's board has several unusual flavours and a catholic spread of interests. Sir Wiliam Rees-Mogg, a former editor of The Times, is a non-executive director and GEC is one of the few companies in this country to have a woman on the board, the Hon Mrs Sara Morrison. No statutory female she.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### £7m call by Airship **Industries**

Airship Industries yesterday announced details of a £7m rights issue - its second cash call on shareholders in less than

The issue is being underwritten by Bond Corporation, the company run and controlled by the flamboyant Australian entrepreneur Mr Alan Bond who recently added the Americas Cup to his list of

Mr Andew Millar, the chairman of Airship, which hopes to make the first commercially produced ariships in Britain since the 1930s, said that without refinancing the company's achievements over the last eight years would be vulnerable. Since 1978, the company has spent more than £11m developing its product.

The Inland Revenue has published draft legislation on the tax treatment of deep discount securities, whereby the discount will be treated as income accruing over the life of the stock on a compound yield basis, the treasury said.

 Directors of International Paint have agreed terms that will allow the company's parent group, Courtaulds, to buy out the publicly held 12.2 per cent minority shareholding it does

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London fixed (per ounce): am \$378.90 pm \$318.90 close \$377.50-378.25 (£264.75-265.25) New York (close): \$378.75 Krugerrand\* (per coin): \$389-390.50 (£272.75-27325) Sovereigns\* (new): \$88-89 (£61.75-62.50)

## Shares lose early gains

New York (AP-Dow Jones) -Stocks slowed in early trading yesterday, giving up the strong gains recorded at the start. The Dow Jones industrial

average was up about 21/2 points after having been up by more than four, while the transpor-tation index was down nearly Advances held a slim 7-to-6

lead over declines and trading was active. Mr Philip B. Erlanger, chief technical analyst for Advest Inc. said: "I am becoming more and

more bullish despite some of the sentiment indicators. "There is a buying oppor-tunity here while the market pauses to digest its gains. It

should close higher General Electric was up % at

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74%; Eastman Kodak up ¼ to 74%; International Business Machines up ¼ at 123%; Teledyne down ¾ at 163%; and Monsanto up 4 at 1084.

Monsanto up % at 108%.

Burroughs was trading at 49%, up %; CSX 26%, down %; UAL 38, unchanged; Motorola 132%, up ¼; Times-Mirror 75%, down %; Gulf Oil 42%, up ¼; Sanders Associates 49%, up %; Watkins-Johnson 84, unchanged and Marck 91%, up %; changed, and Merck 91% up 1/2.

 Nigeria is seeking refinance ing credits of six years, with 2% years grace, to enable existing arrears on short-term trade debt totalling between \$3 billion and \$5 billion to be brought up to date, the British Export Credits Industry 581: General Motors up 4 at Guaratee Department said.

# GrandMet's 34% profits rise disappoints market

A strong improvement in the United States and lower interest charges helped Grand Metropolitan, the brewing, hotels and leisure group, to increase pertax profits by 34 per cent in the year to the end of September.

When the group reported a 52 per cent leap in half-year profits in May it gave a warning that it was unrealistic to expect growth at this rate to be maintained. This, however, did not prevent analysis from floating some airy forecasts in recent weeks. As a result, the com-

The board is making a onefor-five scrip issue to bring share capital more in line with inflated group reserves. It is also increasing the final dividend by 18 per cent to 5.75p, thus bringing the total for the year to 9.625p, against 8.375p. Group pretax profits rose from £220.2m to £295.2m after

pany's shares fell 5p to 338p

a £22.8m fall in the interest ations of the last year, charge to £111.8m. Lower interest rates in both Britain and the United States and the £125m rights issue 18 months ago were the main factors

**UK trade** 

back in

surplus

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

Britain's trade with the rest of

the world bounced back into the

black last month as imports fell

The current account of the

balance of payments was in surplus by £317m last month,

including an estimated surplus

of £210m on trade in invisibles.

This compared with a £219m deficit in October and surpluses

The current account has

moved erratically throughout

this year and although the figures were welcomed in

Whitehall, officials remained

cautious about reading too

much into one month's figures.

Monthly figures can also be

unreliable because they are often subject to big revisions. Last month the Treasury was

forecasting a £500m current

account surplus for the whole of

this year, but earnings on inivisibles have been revised

upwards and the current

account surplus in the first 11

months of the year is now pul at

Imports were expected to fall

last months after the surge in

October, but although the total

£5,174m, the trend is still

upwards. However, the fall in

imports, combined with a rise

in exports to £5,281m - the

second highest figures on record - helped to push the visible

trade balacnee from a £429m

A bigger surplus on oil trade

contributed to the improve-

ment, but the main reason was

the much stronger balance of

Imports are still at a higher

level than during the summer,

which is attributed to restocking

by industry and higher spending

Underlying imports volume is also continuing to rise with volume up by 4 per cent in the

latest three months compared with the three months to the

Exports including oil, how-ever, showed an increase of 5

per cent by volume over the

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Source: Department of Trade and

deficit to a £107m surplus.

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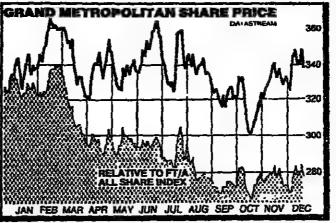
same period.

vas down from £5.594m

£1.31 billion.

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from October's record level.



The group's strong dollar earnings, which in consumer products were as much as 31 per

added about £20m to aggregate

sumer products in the United States rose from £64.7m to £98.4m, thanks largely to a remarkable gain in volume by the group's cigarette company, Liggett & Myers which has benefited from the shift away

Pet foods and keep-fit equip-

from branded to generic tobac-

acquired in 1980 when it bought the drinks distribution company. Liggett, also had a buoyant year in the United

Watney Mann, the brewing subsidiary had a good second half with volume sales rising sharply during the hot summer and profits rose from £68.5m to £73m for the year as a whole. In British consumer services. buoyant casino profits of more than £30m led to a rise in the division's trading profits of £6.5m to £73.6m. Results would have been even better but for the heavy costs taken against revenue of reorganizing and rationalizing beiling shops, restaurants and other leisure

Mr Stanley Grinstead, chair-man, said that hotels made better profits in a year when the integration of the group's original portfolio of hotels into Intercontinental was completed The wines and spirits division also consolidated its co products in the United position

Trading profits in wines and spirits rose from £98.1m to £104.5m and hotel profits were up from £22.9m to £27.3m.

# **OECD** lifts shares

The FT ladex reached a fresh peak for the fourth day in succession yesterday, as share prices continued to forge shead, helped by encouraging indicators and the bright view of the Petitich economy nainted in this British economy painted in this week's report from the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

The 30-share index closed 4.2 points higher at 776.2

#### STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 776.2 up 4.2 FT Gilts: 83.14 up 0.21 FT All Share: 469.84 up 1.89 Bargains: 18,943 New York: Dow Jones Industrial average: (latest) 1253.86 down 1 12 Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9 709.23 down 8.42 Hongkong: Hang Index 863 56 up 6.0 Amsterdam: 157 6 down 1.3 Sydney: AO Index 762.1 Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1034.0 up 9.1 Brussels: General Index 135.97 up 0.74 Paris: CAC Index 152.9 up Zurich: SKA General 312.80 up 2.70

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LONDON CLOSE Starting \$1,4275 up 50pts Index 82.3 unchanged DM 3.9525 up 0.0075 FrF 12.0650 up 0.0350 Yen 334 down 0.25

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# rofits. ment, the other peripheral Trading profits from conbusinesses that Grand Met Allianz equals BAT bid for Eagle Star

West German insurer Allianz announced before the Decem-Versicherungs yesterday matched BAT Industries' record £934m takeover bid for Eagle Star Holdings, Britain's sixth largst insurer. The 675p per share bid from Allianz is the seventh effer since the bidding for Eagle Star began 10 weeks

Allianz made its latest bid after the City Takeover Panel set a deadline of 4.30pm on December 30 for the final bidding in the fiercely contested takeover battle. Eagle Star shares yesterday

fell on the stock market from 729p to 712p as dealers contemplated the prospect that BAT was preparing to pull out of the bidding. BAT shares rose by 4p to 172p on the news.

Sir Denis Mountain, chair

man of Eagle Star, said that although Allianz had matched BAT's offer, the Eagle board continues to believe strongly that BAT is a more appropriate parent for the group However, he said that the

Eagle board does not propose to

ber 30 deadline. He said the bootd believes that it a Juld be appropriate to reserve any further advice to shareholder until the terms of such final offer are known. BAT Industries declined to

comment on the Allianz bid. The board indicated that it is considering the latest develop-However BAT joined Eagle

Star in discounting the stock-market rumours that an American insurance company was about to launch a blockbuster bid for Eagle Star. Mr Philip Evans, of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank advisers to Allianz, refused to rule out this possibility. He indicated that at least five

per cent of Eagle Star's shares had been traded over the past week and that only a serious bidder would risk the £60m plus necessary to complete deals of Despite the uncertainty over

the ultimate intentions of Allianz, the West German recommend any revision of the group is favourits competing offers which are control of Eagle Star group is favourite to

## Wedd to close New Yor's office

Wedd Durlacher & Mor-daunt, the biggest of London's five stockjobbing firms, has decided to close its New York office and cease trading - just a few weeks after becoming the object of a \$15m (£10.6m) lawsuit from two of Wal Street's largest broking firms. Last night Mr John Robert ion, senior partner at Wedd,

admitted that the decision had been made purely on a trading basis. "It is a commercia decision. The venture had not really worked out as anticipated," he said. Wedd last month received several writs from brokers Merrill Lynch and, Lehman

Bros Kuhn Leeb, alleging fraudulent dealing with regard to the collapse of the invest-ment company C & R Pastor Securities. Wedd is contesting the claim.

Wedd said that although the New York office had ceased trading and both the New York Stock Exchange and Merrill Lynch had been informed, the company Wedd Durlacher Inc had not been wound up.

This advertisement has been placed by Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited

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# To the Stenhouse Holdings shareholders

# THE REED STENHOUSE OFFER WILL NOT BE INCREASED

Reed Stenhouse has received acceptances in respect of 36.5 per cent. o the issued share capital of Stenhouse Holdings.

Reed Stenhouse will not increase its Offer which has been extended and will remain open for acceptance until 3.00pm on Wednesday 11th January, 1984.

The Stenhouse Holdings board has failed to answer the questions raised by Reed Stenhouse. Your attention is particularly drawn to the following facts:

\* The Reed Stenhouse Offer is worth 142.4p per Stenhouse Holdings share\* being an increase in capital value of 34.3 per cent. over the market price of 106p per Stenhouse Holdings share prior to the announcement of the Offer.

\* Mr Herbert Houghton, the immediate past Chairman, has resigned from the board of Stenhouse Holdings and has independently advised shareholders to accept the Offer. \* The largest independent shareholder owning 20 per cent, of

Stenhouse Holdings has accepted the Offer.

\* The Offer will unlock the discount between the Stenhouse Holdings share price and net asset value.

\* No alternative bidders have emerged despite an intensive international search by Stenhouse Holdings.

The Offer will not be increased - accept the Reed Stenhouse Offer now and obtain the benefits of a DIRECT interest in your company's principal asset.

Continuing as a Stenhouse Holdings shareholder is a most unattractive alternative.

This figure is based on the Reed Starthouse Class A share price of CS12.25 as reported by The Toronto Stock Exchange and an exchange rate of \$1=CS1.77, being the share price and exchange rate at the close of business on 20th December, 1963. The Starthouse Housings share price is the middle market quotation derived from the Daily Official List of The Stock Exchange.

The directors of Reed Stanbouse (excluding Mr Arthur W. John and Mr Raymond C. Strange who are directors of Stanbouse Holdings, Mr Herbert Houghton who was until his recent resignation a director of Stanbouse Holdings but including those who have delegated supervision of this advertisement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and the opinions expressed herein are fair and accurate and each of the directors accepts responsibility accordingly.

Pound rises on hopes of more stable market

# BNOC to hold N Sea oil price

By David Young Energy Correspondent

North Sea oil prices are to remain unchanged at \$30 a keep its present pricing policy its next meeting of barrel on the world market, to was made against ensiderable Geneva or Vienna. the relief of other producers and the international oil trading

Britain's indirect influence on policy decisions by the Organization of Petroleunm Exporting
Countries (Opec) has been confirmed by world reaction more than \$1 a barriel below more than \$1 a barriel below the state of the process of the organization of the process of the policy of the to the decision yesterday to leave North Sea oil prices at their present levels for four

The decision yesterday by the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), the state-owned trading company which places consumers a long-term price North Sea oil on world markets, structure and help to control oil removes considerable doubts among oil traders. It had an immediate effect on sumers. sterling, which closed up ½ a cent against the dollar at \$1.4275, although the official price on North Sea crude will

not officially be confirmed at its existing level for another week.

pressure from American companies operating in the North Sea which have seen prices on their domestic market follow the trend in the world spot Traders can now buy oil at more than \$1 a barrel below the

North Sea official price and often a \$1 a barrel below the official Opec price of \$29. BNOC's decision will aid Opec in its attempt to stablize the world oil market. It will also stimulate oil demand by giving structure and help to control oil output to a level which can be

The Opec agreement on prices and production quotas reached in Geneva three weeks ago was then described as "fragile". The BNOC decision "fragile". The BNOC decision they want a price cut of up to makes it more likely that Opec \$1.50 a barrel.

absorbed by industrial con-

The decision by BNOC to can keep to that agreement until eep its present pricing policy its next meeting on July 20, in

Although British production is small by comparison with Opec ouput, North Sea oil competes directly on the world markets with the oil produced by the smaller countries among Onec's 13 state membership. For that reason the North Sea now influences Opec decisions.

Indonesia, an Opec member, said officially yesterday that it welcomed Britain's decision to The three main operators in

the North Sea, BP, Shell and Esso, have been supporting price stability while Texaco and Chevron have been following internal trends in the United States and asking for a price cut Several independent US refining companies have been indicating to their suppliers that

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record 776.2, with renewed bid activity and stock shortages keeping prices on the ball. Most of the market's business had been completed by lunchtime and for the rest of the session it was left up to the cheerful survey on the economy from the OECD and overnight strength on Wall Street to keep

signs of running out of steam.

A better-than-expected set of

sentiment alive. Gilts scored gains of up to £% at the longer end, cheered by the news from America, which pointed to an easing in the upward pressure on interest rates. On foreign exchange's the pound closed 50 points up against the dollar, at \$1.4275.

Among blue chips, Bowater, the pulp and paper specialist complex, stood out with an 11p rise to a new high of 267p as the bid rumours continued to gain momentum. Close observers

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# MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark Trade cheer for shares

November trade figures, showing a return to the black, gave a boost to the equity market yesterday, which still shows few ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Dec 12, Dealings end, Dec 29, Contango Day, Dec 30, Settlement Day, Jan 9.

recken somebody is trying to build up a stake prior to a bid. The FT Index maintained its record-breaking run, closing at its high for the day, 4.2 up at a US support was also good for Glaxe, 13p higher at 725p, after recent weakness, and ICL, 12p at 660p. P & O Deferred also rallied after nervous selling earlier in the week on hopes the Monopolies Commission will allow the contested bid from

Trafalgar House to proceed. Profit-taking among the High Street banks made a dull picture for the sector as a whole. Barclays lost 5p at 489p, Lloyds Among the merchant banks,

Kleinwort Benson continued to gain ground, rising 7p to 430p following the abortive dawn raid by broker L. Messel on behalf of unnamed Middle Eastern clients on Wednesday. They had been hoping to pick up about i0 per cent of the company, but in the event failed to pick up any shares at around

the 395p level.

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among the discount houses where rumours of a possible tripartate bid has dept prices on the move all week. Alexanders Discount lost 7p to 332p, Smith S Aubyn, 4p to 47p and Jessel Toynbee, 2p to 68p.

Broker de Zoete & Bevan has predicted that the recovery in profitt forecast by Macarthys Pharmaceuticals is unlikely to occur and say this is now fully reflected in the group's low rating. For the present year, de Zoete is looking for pretax profits of £4.1m, against £4m last time. The shares closedunchanged at 141p.

Tricentrol's quoted offshoot, Combined Technologies, enjoyed a spurt of 1/2p to 21p on a broker's buy recommendation. but Polly Peck, the biggest of Mr Asil Nadir's three publicly-quoted companies, lost a further rise throughout the day, to close £1% to £25% on futher reflection at 140p. But there was profit-taking of the group's annual report and

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accounts, accompanied by proposals for a share split and plucing to raise £5m

In stores, Sears Holdings, the Saxone to Lilley & Skinner shoc retailer, added 2p to 83p following yesterday's article in The Times confirming the group was looking for a quote for its shares on the New York Stock Exchange. Share of FIL, formerly Foot-

wear industries investments. continued to scale new heights. rising 13p to 200p on hopes that sales of its new inhaler, which it is claimed can alleviate the common cold and hay fever. will be well received. On the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of DBE Tech-

reverse takeover by what was left of Bell Electronics, started life at 1200 and continued to

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suspended since July 27, after Ferranti's decision to pay £1m for 9 per cent of Bell.

Meanwhile, Ault & Wiborg, the specialist inks concern, was briefly suspended, awaiting an announcement from the company. They later returned, 11p higher at 44p, following the terms of a minority bid from Sun Oil, which earlier this year was unable to agree on a price with the board of A & W.

Sir Monty Finniston, former chairman of BSC and now in the chair at Chemical Methods, is excited by the group's prospects, Independent trials of the group's Britgrit abrasives indicate a better performance to anything currently available on the market, he says.

starting in the first quarter of the New Year. Recently, Chemical Methods and in broker. Statham Duff Stoop. nology Group, the subject of a which brought the group to market earlier this year, parted company under a cloud.

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be among the main creditors of failed property companies.

In Tokyo, the ability of the stock market to shrug off recent bad political news and roar

ahead to record highs this week points to a bullish market in the

coming year, market analysts

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# First-half profits jump to £943,000 at Smith Bros

one of the two quoted stock jobbers on the stock exchange, looks secure. Certainly yester-day's interim pretax profit figures of £943,000 were well up on the £585,000 of the previous

But it is not current trading or the company's healthy yield that make the shares so attractive now, it is the deal struck with N M Rothschild this month which gave the bankers a 29.9 per cent stake.

As both are considered experts in their own operations of gold bullion and gold shares - both internationally desirable commodities - it is the establishment of a jointly owned international dealing subsidiary that offers Smith Brothers so much potential beyound what they are achiev-

ing now.
The new company will extend Smith's dealing base in New York and Los Angeles while fully exploiting Roth-schild's operations in the Far Fast. Both are expected to stick closely to the wholesale side of the business. To make the most of that Smith needed capital,

its own capital base of £6m looked miniscule in relation to the giants in the industry who trade in billions - as does Smith hut on a much lower margin - and the weight of the Rothschild name gives weight where previously it would not have

Smith already has two-thirds of its 65 dealing staff concentrating on international securiues and the Rothschild deal should provide them with all the incentive necessary to really show what they can do.

The company has been gearing up financially for such moves. Rothschild are paying th.5m for the stake and injecting another £5m for the new company that Smith is expected to match.

The next obvious expansion area for chairman Mr Anthony Lewis's team looks likely to be Australia. That country's shares are also a Smith speciality.

Not surprisingly, the com-pany underplays its success saying that first-half trading was mixed and the second-half is satisfactory, but it is too early to make a forecast. The interim dividend is the same as last year, a penny. Not very generous, but the shares, at 77p, ield a good 5.6 per cent and offer a great deal of promise.



Anthony Lewis: looks set for expansion in Australia

#### ·Reardon Smith Line

The Reardon Smith Line, which runs a small fleet of four bulk carriers, has been hit severely by the recession in the

world shipping industry. Reardon is suffering from the from the overcapacity in the tankers. industry, although the number of British ships lying idle last month fell for the fourth successive month.

in the six months to Seppretax profits of £468,000 after losses of £2.76m in the same period last year. However, the return

profits was the result of selling two vessels for £1.8m and the renegotiation of an agreement on chartered in losses which contributed £2.6m. Reardon is likely to face a

loss in the final stage as these one-off contributions are unlikely to be repeated. The immediate trading position looks bleak and there is no

immediate sign of any recovery in the trading position according to the board, However, the board said there were signs of recovery in the trading position according to the board. How- company balance sheets.

eyer, the board said there were signs of recovery in the world economy which, it is hoped, would result in an improvement in the movement of dry cargo and a resulting increase in freight rates.

Turnover at Reardon fell from £7.3m to £1.8m, while the Reardon is suffering from the trading losses came entirely inevitable cutting of rates and from the bulk carrier dry cargo margins which has resulted fleet after the sale of the two

Company borrowings fell from £8m to £5m after the sale of the vessels.

The results from Reardon back the claims made by British tember 30 Reardon made shippers for extra support from the Government for the indus-

The shipping industry argues that with 81 ships laying idle in the home fleet the Government should consider giving some support to shipowners. In the meantime the General Council for British shipping has given a warning that the industry must control its costs vigorously if the remaining ships are to stay

The continuing problems faced by the industry have led to an assessment by leading analsysts that the most attractive sector of the shipping sector is the non-shipping element of

#### Why the Hongkong bankers **APPOINTMENTS** Chairman

lems that arose for the Hong-kong banking sector this year means it faces a difficult 1984, the Commissioner for Banking and Despoit, Taking Com-panies, Mr Colin Martin, says.

main board Guinness Peat Group: Mr Albert Frost, who takes over as chairman of Guinness Mahon & Co. on January 1, has been appointed to the board of the parent company, Guinness Peat

Elder Dempster Lines: Mr D Sykes will retire as managing director on July 31. He will be succeeded by Mr K H Birch, who is trade director. Elder Dempster is part of Ocean Transport & Trading and Mr Birch will join the group's marine division board from January I. Mr R P Gregory will

elect joins

Guinness

become trade director.

Thames Television: Mr Mike Phillips, managing director of Television Inter-Thames national, becomes executive director from January 1.

Legal and General Group: Mr T J Palmer, at present general manager of Legal and General International, will in addition to his appointment as deputy group chief executive of Legal and General Group, become chief general manager of Legal and General Assurance Society on January I. Mr E Wynn Owen, chief general manager of Legal and General Assurance Society, will be appointed chief general manager of Legal and General International on the same date. Mr J K Elbourne, managing director, Legal and General Assurance Holdings (Australia), will become general manager, Legal and General International from July I.

following appointments have been made in the leisure fabric division, incorporating Stroud Riley International: Mr Michael Miskell has become assistant managing director: Mr Philip Stott, production director, Mr Tony Lister, developments director and Mr David Maden, accounts director. In the worsted fabric division incorporating James Drummond & Sons and J Haywood & Sons, Mr Leslie Metterick becomes operations and production director. The following appointments have been made after the recent acquisition of Longbottoms (Sowerby Bridge), which has now become part of the worsted fabric division: Mr S M Simmonds becomes group chief executive: Mr R M Stroud, group managing director, Mr B S Levi, group sales director and Mr E E Taylor, group financial

director.

Strend Riley Drummond: The

#### 'have a hard time ahead' "Foreign banks are large enough internationally to ab

Hongkong (Reuters) - Prob- unlikely to pick utp until there ims that arose for the Hong- was a political settlement between the Chinese and British Government over the future of Hongkong, he added. However, Mrs Martin said he

did not foresec further problems "This has been the most diffucult year for bankers in the of the type and gravity faced by some local banks earlier this history of Hongkong and it will take several years to make a full year. In late September, the Hongkong Government ac-quired the Hang Lung Bank adjustment to what will happen," he said.

He attributed the problems to after its failure to meet its liabilities to its clearing bank,

the slump in the property market and uncertainty over Less than a week later, Merrill Lynch and Co and Cie Hongkong's political future. Financiere de Paris et des Pays Bas (Paribas) took a joint controlling stake in Sun Hung Kai and Co to ward off a potential run on its subsidiary. The big fall in property demand and prices badly affected banks, which have lent heavily to the property sector over the last few years, Mr Martin said, "Many loans cannot be paid off until property is sold or leased." Sun Hung Kai Bank. Mr Martin said most Hong-

kong domestic banks were now in a relatively sound position owing to their minimal ex-Demand for new loans, particularly for capital investposure to the large property ment, was relatively low, and groups,

# **Edward Jones to raise** £1.2m for expansion

Edward Jones Group, the (£ 63,000 loss)

building contractor and property developer, which acquired a medical accent in September when Dr Richard Petty, the cofounder of the International Hospitals Group, became chairman, is raising £1.225m by a rights issue.
Some of this money will go

towards the purchase of two nursing homes in Southern England for £660,000 and paying £1.5 to Woodbourne Company (Jersey) for Raz Investments and Mannez Investments whose sole assets are a 15 per cent stake in IHG (International Hospitals Group) and IHG (Medical Services) respectively. The initial pay-ment of £400,000 will be paid from the proceeds of the rights

The issue is of 4.295,732 ordinary shares on the basis of two for three and 10 new ordinary shares for every £3 of loan stock at 32p per share. After the announcement the shares were down Ip at 41p.

The company is trying to mop up the 15 per cent loan stock 1996/98 by offering holders ordinary shares at an improved conversion rate - 11 ordinary for every £2 of loan stock rather than 5 ordinary for every £1 of loan stock. There is £429,573 of loan stock outstanding which, on conversion at the improved rate, would 2,362.652 new ordinary shares. own right

Half-year to 30.6.1983 Pretax profit £30.000

Stated earnings 0.7p (loss 1.47p) Turnover £1.75 million (£1.38 million)

Net interim/dividend Nil (Nil) Share price 41p

Mr Nicholas Morris, the managing director, said that this was "a clean and easy way of mopping up the loan stock". He added that it would also have the effect of boosting the balance sheet.

The announcement coincided with the group's half-time results. The company made a trading loss of £8,000 on a turnover of £1.75m compared with a trading loss of £63,000 on turnover of £1.38m in the first six months last year.

The trading loss was turned into pretax profits of £30,000 by a profit of £38,000 on the sale of a supermarket in North Wales. No dividend is being paid.

The group, however, is forecasting that it might reach breakeven by the end of the year, and although that is unlikely to result in a dividend payment this year, there is the glimmer of hope that dividend will return in the next financial

Mr Morris said that IHG, which made profits of £1.994m result in the creation of in 1982, may go public in its

## Jerome to sell Davis subsidiary

S Jerome and Sons has agreed to sell its wholly-owned subsidiary. Davis Security Communications, to Cass Group.

Davis manufactures and installs electronic communi-

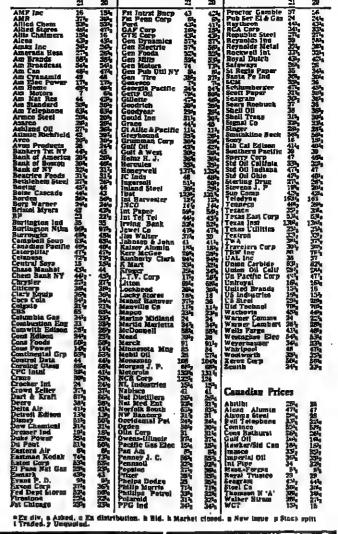
cations and alarm systems. The total consideration for the sale will be about £650,000. eugivalent to the net book value

of Davis's assets. Part of the payment will be the issue to Jerome of 350,000 ordinary shares in Cass at an agreed value of £612,500. The balance will be in cash.

Jerome has agreed to retain the Cass shares for at least one year from completion.

feed the market because dom-estic industrial investment has For the year ending to the end of December, Cass made a not started a full revival yet, the net profit before tax £916,078,

#### WALL STREET



#### **COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF**

at Theale, Berkshire, for £2m.

James Crean: Half-year to June dend (same).

l'iciax loss 2 (63). Results 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover

1983. Figures in £000. Loss on urcs in £000. Turnover 8,508

Sunrie Cloths: 26 weeks to Oct ordinary operations, before and 1, 1983, Figures in £000, after tax, 232 (1,604). No Turnover 1,336 (1,259). Traddividend (same). ing loss 78 (34). Exceptional nems 16 (nil). Loss before tax to Sept. 30, 1983. Figures in 94 (34). Tax nil (nil). Board helives there will be a return to profitability by the year-end.

Sutcliffe, Speakman: Half-year to Sept. 30, 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 2,751 (2,924). Loss 124 (loss 159) after tax and minorities. No interim diviminorities. No interim divi-

40, 1983, Figures in Irish £000. Banker Investment Trust: Year Lurnover 41,265 (41,653). Pre- to Oct. 31, 1983, compared with the profit 1,017 (470). Board 18 months to Oct. 31, 1982. expects second half to be better. Total revenue £3.09m (£4.03m). than first.

Total dividend 4.16p. against llighgate and Job Group: Half- an annualised 3.95p. One-forwar to Sept 30, 1983. Figures in one scrip issue proposed.
1100. Turnover 3.188 (3.191). Cronite Group: Year to Sept. 30,

Suter has exchanged contracts confirm target for a return to 10.832 (10.507). Pretax loss with a local industrial company profit this year.

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Victoria Carpet Holdings: Halfyr to Sept. 30, 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 10.784 (8.827). Pretax profit 150 (100).
Superdrug Stores: Nine months to Nov. 26, 1983. Figures in £000, Turnover 72,272 (58,642).

Pretax profit 4,969 (3.891). Electric and General Investment Company: Half-year to Nov. 30. 

## **COMMODITIES** LONDON COMMODITY PRICES Goffee, socoe, sugar in pou Gas-oil in US \$ p LONDON METAL EXCHANGE London METAL EXCHANGE Childal furnover figures. Prices in pounds per metric los Silver in pence per troy ounce PER HIGH GRADE NDARD CATHODES

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### YOUR OWN BUSINESS

# Shake-up for Wavy Line

Mace and Wavy Line, recently merged to become the largest group of small grocers operating as a "symbol" chain, is planning a big shake-up to meet increasing high street competition. Two main new thrusts have

emerged largely from a threeyear investigation of store development at Wavy Line which has been operating totally under the umbrella of Booker McConnell whose other retailing operations include the

Budgen supermarkets. Mr Derek Abbott, hitherto chairman of Wavy Line, has just become chief executive of the merged Mace-Wavy Line operation, Mace having been 70 per cent a Booker organization with a number of other wholesalers also involved.

Part of the merged chain, mostly rather larger outlets, is to be revamped under a scheme aimed at making such outlets more competitive with the hig multiple grocery chains. Others in the chain will be encouraged to emphasize the convenience store concept, with early, late and weekend opening in a style most big supermarkets do not

On offer are new decor, new marketing plans and other developments aimed at adding a more positive approach to retailing in the merged chain hose members now number 3.800, some of them with more than one outlet. But the biggest proportion of the members operate single shops run typical-

ly by husband and wife teams. Although Mace-Wavy Line has the largest number of members, who are essentially franchisees operating under the symbol banner, it still lags behind Spar in share of the packaged grocery market. Spar, the other leading symbol chain, has 2.5 per cent market share against Mace-Wavy Line at 1.8 per cent. VG is number three in the symbol league with a market share of less than I per cent.

By Derek Harris

The idea is to refurbish ores, with outside fascias emphasising the name of the retailer running it and operated under a merchandising plan put together by the symbol chain's specialists.

the treatment at a cost of around £8.500 compared with the £3,000 it would have cost TOP treatment saw turnover rise by a quarter, with a gross profit margin increase of 2 per

Abbott said: "We cannot match the multiples on price. But we have to make sure that

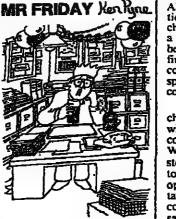


"This is what I hate most about Christmas - my office party

Abbott says: "The Trader's already operating the average Opportunity Plan, TOP for sales uplift has been 16 per cent. short, has been 90 per cent a And they are more geared to Wavy Line development but it has now been proved in 112 stores and will be pushed through nationally this coming year. By the end of 1984 there should be up to 500 TOP

One Essex store underwent

there is no more than 10 per cent difference in the shopping basket for purchases in our TOP



stores compared with the multiples. In the TOP stores

delicatessen items and alcoholic drinks are important parts of the mix. Drinks are an important sales generator and an important key to drawing customers to shops. The chain has 2,200 of its outlets licensed. Specific prices can be guaranteed within the TOP scheme allowing the chain to offer special deals to food and drink manufacturers, the concomitant of which are specially discounted prices from the makers. Until now only the big multiples have been able to make just to have a repaint. A Kent such offers to manufacturers outlet in its first year after the with an end result of bringing prices down to the customer. So far 700 of the chain's stores have been re-launched as convenience stores. Within two years the number is expected to double because this is seen as one of the strongest ploys of the small retailer in meeting the

higher profit margin products."

Frozen and fresh foods,

Further into the future Abbott believes the introduc-tion of laser-scanning systems at check-out tills will be crucial for a smaller retailer. This is because such systems not only fine-tune systems like stock control but enable swift response to price changes by competing retailers.

competition of the supermar-

While most big multiple chains are gearing up for the widespread use of the electronic computerised systems Mace-Wavy Line already has one store in Scotland operating live to establish an effective mode of operation for the smaller retailer. There are indications it cound produce an overheads saving of 0.75 per cent going straight to the bottom according to Abbott.



Derek Abbott: aiming at 500 TOP stores

Last week I discussed the problems of smaller companies attempting to expand and the difficulties involved in raising the finance to do it.

Some form of equity funding emerged as the most desirable way of achieving support. A promotion needs.
major problem is an inadequa- If a manufactu tely prepared business prospec-

It is a company's principal sales tool in raising capital. They will want to see that to determine that an entreprenuer is as capable of responding effectively to opportunities as problems. Keep it under 50 pages and succinct.

The following guidelines will belp. Begin with a summary of the industry, your company and its product or service. Give a market research analysis to include customers, the market size and the competition you face in it. Give an accurate appraisal of market share and don't exagerate sales. And your view of how the market is likely to evolve.

Then go straight in to your marketing proposlas. What is may be acquired cheaper by the stategy, pricing, sales tactics, bringing it in-house.

Business in the Community, the organisation set up two years ago to encourage commerce and industry to become more involved in local communities, has told the Government that substantial public funding may be necessary if the number of enterprise agencies is be expanded beyond the current level of about 142, writes Jeremy

development of enterprise agencies - organisations which are set up and funded by big business to encourage enterprise and business activity - into a key feature of the small firms policy being developed; ander David teature of the small hims policy being developed under David Trippier, the Department of Trade and Industry minister with special responsibility for small firms. He has already expressed the hope that there will be up to 300 of these services with a petional

The Government has made the

these agencies with a national spread by the end of 1985. But the big companies that have supported the agencies so far set up - among which England's four big clearing banks figure prominently - feel there is a limit to the amount of finance they can put into future ventures. Around a quarter of the finance for the agencies already in

#### BRIEFING existence is public money provided

either by local authorities through the Department of the Environment's urban programme for reviving inner-city areas. Business in the Community believes that the proportion of

public money will have to rise substantially if many more agencies are to be established.
The notional figure that has been handed to the Department of Trade and Industry to form a basis of discussion is that as much as £3m

may be needed.

It is recognised both by business and government that the next 100 agencies are going to be considerably more difficult to finance than has hitherto been the

There are plenty of published sources of advice on financing of small businesses but far fewer on organizing marketing. A new one, leading up to the preparation of an overall marketing plan, has bee produced by the one-year old New Work Trust at Bristol and published by Avon County Council. It is free. Author Michael Winwood, who is

managing director of New Work Trust set up to help new businesses in the Bristol area, says too few business people considerate of where their market is. Contact: Establishing Your Marketing Plan rom either County of Avon
Publicity Department, PO Box 41,
Avon House, The Haymarket,
Bristol BS99 7NF or from New Work Trust, Avondale Workshops Woodland Way, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1QH

Open to individuals or teams of up to four people in engineering manufacturing is the second Manufacturing Effectiveness
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# Getting the prospectus right

the service and guarantee policies backing that up and what are the advertising and

If a manufacturer what is your current development sta-tus and the difficulties and risks involved? How can the product or service be improved and at what cost? Can business be improved by changing location - to a rate free enterprise zone, for instance? Do your facilities need upgrading? What are the future strategy and plans in this area? Is enough skilled labour available locally?

Follow that with a management breakdown: how the firm is organized, who are the key personnel and what compensation and equity stake they have. Are they directors? Is further management assistance needed? Admit your weaknesses so that they can be offset. Professional services and outside work may be necessay. It By Wayne Lintott

Give an overall schedule showing the timing and inter-relationship of the events necessary to realize the stated objectives. Show clearly the order of events between start-up market penetration and the evolving costs. Show all the critical risks and problems that might disturb that process and how the company can over-

come them. Finally, the financial plan. You will need profit and loss forecasts, cash flow analysis, halance sheets, break-even charts and cost controls. Give past income statements, cash flow break-downs and previous break-even records. What finance is needed, what security or equity is being offered, how much will the company be capitalized at and how are the

funds going to be used?
Having done all that, there is then the question of which institutions to approach. Do shop around. Go to the

chamber of commerce and contact the Department of Trade and Industry and get a list of authorized BES funds. Find out the names of the major merchant banks and stockbrokers; they can often find equity sources of finance.

Next contact the selected institutions, see if there is an interest and ask for their investment requirements. Remember, if not dealing with a principal then be doubly careful of middle-men like fund man-

Make sure that there is no element of debt in the funding. Be careful of any special rights to be attached to the shares you Are the legal fees, surveys,

market research and produc t attaching disproportionate vot-evaluation really necessary ing rights to the shares. given the work already done in the prospectus? If an anual fee is being charged for supervision of the capital do not get driven for a non -executive director

meant to be doing the same thing.

Be particularly wary of any clause that allows a fund manager, not the investor, to take a chunk of equity, usually 15 per cent, at any time over the nxt five years at par. That is usually attached to the small print which gives the fund mangagers the exclusive right to bring the company to the stock market. That means an entrepreneur signing a blank cheque for the future.

If the fund manager will not budge then insist that the charge is only the going rate at the time. All they do is pass you on to stockbroker and double that charge. Under no circumstances get stuck with rigid performance targets. You'll find that in-cluded with the special rights attached to the shares. One way often used to achieve that is by

An equity investment is precisley that: shared risk for a shared profit. It should not be an opportunity for some slick into paying an index-linked fee operator to pull the rug out

mixture of good fortune and bad which have attended the Welsh side so far, this could be interpreted. mistakenly. 10 mean that there are two ways.

There are those who, with evangelical tones, wish blithely to promote running rugby as if it were some new idea born in the 1980s. As with such phrases as "gain line" and "second-phase possession" of a decade and, which the new, rising class of coaches sought to revolutionize the same running rugby is nize the game, running rugby is fast becoming a cliche mouthed with emphatic capital letters.

#### Less fanciful

Others, in hectoring tones, want to pursue, in these uncertain times in Welsh rugby. something less fanciful, Pontypool are the most successful side, so they argue, therefore the embarrassment, if this largely national team ought to play in a similar tight fashion.

As both camps settle in their different corners, they are each dismissive of the other's argument. As a policy, running rugby it must be, of course, but there is a danger in adopting a

On Boxing Day many players join with the men in their one mixed match of the year, it is fun and games for all. Then the county

championship begins in carnest.

The five territories hold residen-

tial inter-county tournaments which together with the games that

have already ocen played, will decide the five territorial county

champions to go forward to the National County Championship

The North assembles at Queen Mary's school, Lytham St Annes, on the 27th, East, Medlands and West

start on the 28th.

The Midlands play in Bedford

with Leicestershire leading Stafford-shire and Warwickshire by one

point with a match in hand. Leicestershire, however, have their stiffer opposition still to come. They

start the tournament by playing

inals in February.

lournaments

It was J. J. Stewart, after long self-righteous and rigid posture as a whole which, if the and distinguished services as as if nothing else mattered. It is selectors base their final deadministrator and coach in New contagious. Whispers from over cision, as they must, on the Zealand, who said that he had the border suggest that there performances of those teams only learnt one thing for certain were some misgivings, even throughout his rugby career: regret, that England, in beating Romania and France B, there is that there is more than one way New Zealand, should have a lack of generalship and of playing the game. Listening played a more open game. In to the current arguments which the context of an historical have arisen over the recent victory, this is a lot of retrospective hogwash.

> To play a running game initially can be no more thana strategy which coaches can prepare off the field so as to instil the right attitude, but it is the players on the field who will determine whether this is the best way, tactically, to win the game. Games are won or lost depending on how effectively the players can take advantage of their own and their team's strengths to exploit the weaknesses of the opposition. There is more than one way in which any one game can be played depending on the ebb and flow of the match, it needs a shrewd cian to be aware of that

in announcing the Welsh squad, the Welsh Rugby Union selectors, in omitting Gareth Davies, have left themselves open to criticism, and possible untested squad fail to deliver the goods. Davies's exclusion last year may have been justified but it is no longer so, featuring so prominently as he does in Cardiff's present suc-

HOCKEY

Derbyshire at the Polehill Ground

at 1.45 pm. Staffordshire start the

programme at Sydney Road half an hour later with a game against

Northamptonshire.

The East play at the Eurosports

Village, Shotley, where each county will play five matches in four days.

The West play at the Ladies' College grounds in Cheltenham with Avon. Devon and Somerset in the

lead and all unbeaten. And

Somerset meet Avon at 11.45 on the

first day. Devon begin against Cornwall at 1.15 pm.

Year's Day and their tournament is

The South do not start until New

Suffolk are unbeaten at the top

By Joyce Whitehead

An end to Monday's fun Peace talks

who played against Japan, defeat against Japan and lost ignominiously against Romania for want of that metical

#### Lacking balance

It needs a strong personality with tactical nous, preferably in on or both of the half-back positions, to bring out the best in any team. This is particularly so in view of the fact that membership of the back row is in doubt and opend to debate. be just about right, the back five as Carwyn James often referred to the back row and half backs, lacks a commanding figure and overall balance. The loss of Jeff Squire, through retirement, and the powerfully ubiquitour Holmes, through long-suffering injuries, denies the team that essential authority

this season. It would be a shame that in pursuing a commendably adventurous approach the Welsh selectors have been blind to the qualities which Gareth Davies could well have brought to the team. Hc. too, can run with the ball if the need demands, provided he has other players to In the context of the back line support him.

by HA

England's leading hockey officials will hand out a New Year olive-

branch to their Great Britain counterparts in an attempt to patch

up their differences in time for the

Los Angeles Olympic Games. The

Hockey Association have invited

men's board and team management to their next meeting in London on

At present leading player's could

be asked to compete in the European Cup for England and be selected for Great Britain Olympic

trials or preparation matches on the same weekend. The Hockey Associ-

ation's management committee
have also set up a 10-man working
party, under the chairmanship of
Robin Ellion, to identify the prime

causes of unrest between the two

January 5.



Gareth Davies: he, too, can run with the ball

#### **YACHTING**

## Britain close the gap

From John Roberson, Sydney

A very consistent performance, in difficult conditions, helped the British team to narrow the lead held by New Zealand in the Hitachi Southern Core Constant of the Hitachi When the corrected times had Southern Cross Cup, yerterday, In the third of the 30-mile triangular inshore races the three British yachts, Indulgence, Jade and Panda finished sixth, seventh and eighth, after another ardous light weather

before the fleet of 27 yachts, loaded with some of the world's best yurhismen, got away cleanly on the first windward leg in a patchy 5 to 8 knot breeze. At the first mark, the familiar duo of Bandido Bandido (Hong Kong) and Shock wave (Australia) led, with the best placed British yacht indulgence in sixth position, and the other two in tenth and eleventh places. Places changed

When the corrected times had been calculated the New Zealand yacht Pacific Sundancer recorded ner second win of the series, but the other yachts in her team could only manage 13th and 22nd. This poor showing has norrowed their lead to only 25 points shead of Britain, not

a difficult margin to lose in the triple points scoring Sydney to Hobart race that concludes the series. The Hong Kong team moved into third place sheed of Papus Nev Guinea, and only 12 points behind

This predominantly light wind series has done much to rectify the myth put about by Australian yachtsmen that they only sail in 20 knot breezes.

for their matches against Hull on Boxing Day, and Preston 24 hours later. A spokesman for the club said yesterday: "We are assuming that lan will be playing in both games. Ian has indicated he will be available. His contract for cricket does not start until next Thursday." Scunthorpe are fifth from the ottom of the third division and are

Botham controversy

badly affected by injuries. Botham played a key midfield role in their last two matches - both of which they won.

England leave on their tour to Fiji, New Zealand and Pakistan on December 29. Mr Cass and the TCCB are particularly concerned about the risk of injury to Botham so close to the departure date.

The TCCB admit, however, that

#### Decision day for Imran

afternoon. Rarely has the Neville family badge of the Ragged Staff and Bear been flourished abroad so

profusely: England's manager, A C

Smith, his assistant, Norman Gifford the captain Bob Willis and

the physiotherapist and counsellor, Bernard Thomas, are all associated

Such a preponderance of influ-

ence from one county may not be a

Donald Carr, the secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), that he would be taking a

"ridiculously unecessary risk" if, as seems likely, he decides only 48

bours before he is due to leave with the England cricketers on their

Botham is needed by Scuntherpe

with Warkwickshire.

Melbourne (Reuter) - The Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, may be fit for the Fourth Test against Australia starting on Monday.

Imran unexpectedly bowled three Imran unexpectedly bowled three overs during a one-day match against south-west New South Wales on Wednesday. His deputy, Zaheer Abbas, said the allrounder would decide on his fitness today, "There's nothing wrong with Imran or Sarfraz." Zaheer said. "I am hopeful Imran will be able to play in the Test. We will have a meeting to decide. Imran must make the decision – he's the boss."

make the decision - he's the boss." Karachi (Reuter) - Pakistan's cricket and hockey chief. Nur Khan, who has weathered several storms over team selections in the past few

retire next year, "God willing".

contract to prevent him playing football. TCCB spokesman, Peter Lush said yesterday: "Mr Carr spoke to lan last night. It would be fair to say that lan, although be has fair to say that lan, although he has agreed to talk it over with the Scunthorpe manager, did not agree with our view that he should not play." Botham in fact told Mr Carr that he could get injured "at any time doing anything".

Botham trained with Scunthorpe yesterday, Afterwards the club issued a statement confirming the

sued a statement confirming that Botham was available to play.

Despite the injury risk, Botham's footballing activity may have been a bonus for English cricket. By training bard with Scunthorpe for the past three months. Botham, who was accused of being overweight in Australia last winter, ma thad 10lbs, He is fitter now than for • Cornhill Insurance, sponsors of

Test cricket in England, have announced that Bob Willis's touring team will receive an award of £1,750 for each Test match victory in

# Search for Willis's successor reveals four candidates

cricketers for Fiji. New Zealand and Pakistan at Gatwick on Thursday

CRICKET

time an England team have played in those friendly isles. Jardine's team had a fixture there washed out in 1933. Tempers will be sharper in New Zealand where neither the players nor the public will now accept being rolled over and patted gently on the head, puppy-like. Pakistan is an ever bubbling cauldron of politics, cricket and cricket politics, as any 10-second conversation with Sarfraz Nawaz

and thing. Shared experience is always a unifying bond and Willis, presumably, can count on total support from the back room A management unified before the start does make sense. Despite a fusillade of criticism from the media whenever he finds himself in a tight Smith did an excellent job as corner, be it in cricket or politics. manager of the potentially explosive

The proud spirit of Warwick the areas in which the England tour of West Indies in 1981 when Kingmaker would be pleased to see management abroad needs to be Robin Jackman was barred from the embarkation of England's skilled today. at the Bourda, If Smith were inclined to ask Lord's first and speak afterwards, it was a wisc preliminary, step lowards not putting a foot wrong in a minefield of prejudices and fierce local lead to

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Willis, as a 34-year-old fast bowler, is surely in his last tour as a player yet is very much a king-maker in his own right. He has survived as captain, after losing the Ashes, because he willed himself irreplaceable as the strike bowler, because the selectors were and still are uncertain of his eventual successor and because he still. clearly, commands the loyalty and

good will of his troops.

The nominated vice-captain.

Gower, remains the heir-apparent but is no longer alone on the steps to the throne. Circumstance, and the passage of time, have given him three rivals. First is Botham, who proved. after. Rose's unfortunate injury, that leadership of Somerset has rekindled his zest for cricket.

There are two more county caputins in the tour party: Tayare of Kent, and Gutting, of Middlesex. Tavare has become a fixture in the England side, a batsman who can give an innings the adhesive quality of Boycott yet who is also able to fling the bat when instructed. Gatting has still to secure his place but is a good enough player to require no extra qualification if he were to enter the team as captain.

All four of the above, two of whom will be selectors, will have to be assessed and reported upon by Willis. The captain cannot be ruled out of a final fling against West Indies at home in the summer and has been quoted only this week as saying "I'll play as long as they want me and I feel fit enough." Time and the strain of having to bowl fast up to three times a day is against him and, whatever happens in the next three months, by June the selectors' priority must be the questioning of his successor.

## New sponsorship agreed

cricket officials yesterday an-nounced a sponsorship agreement for the series of four-day matches against the West Indian fouring team. An electronics company is putting up 200,000 rand (£115,600) for the four matches, the first of which starts here today.

The money will be on top of the 250,000 rand (£145,000) already

250.000 rand (£145,000) already pledged by another company for the six one-day matches between the West Indians and the South Africans, Joe Pamensky, president of the South African Cricket Union, said he was delighted with the new agreement, which should end argument with the West Indian players, who were unhappy with the money they were receiving from

years, has announced he plans to When the teams met in a one-day game at the Kingsmead ground

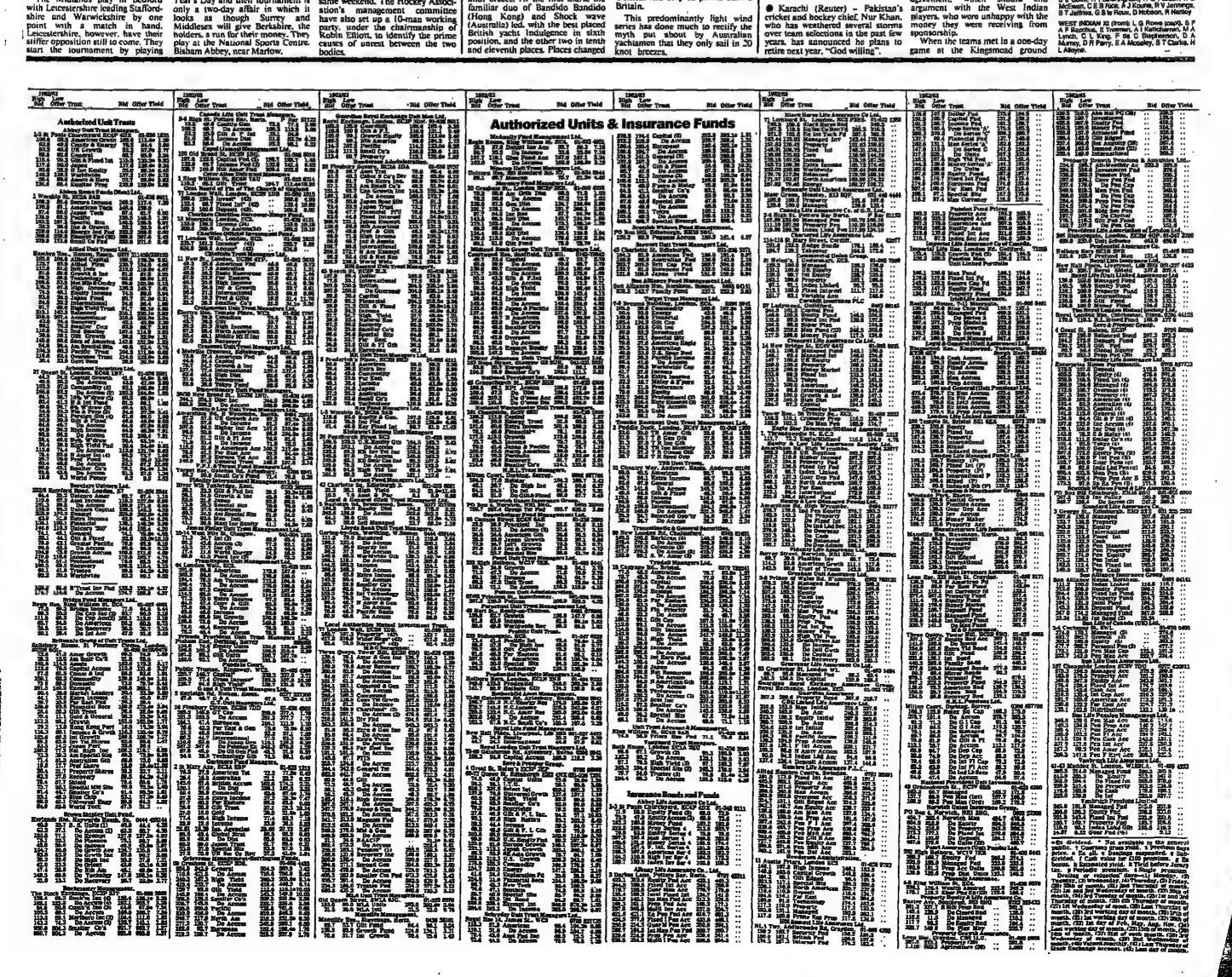
during the first tour earlier this year the West Indian XI were bowled to victory by Stephenson, who took si-wickets for nine runs on a responsive pitch.

Nobody expects the pitch to helf

the quick bowlers today, but the west Indians will still rely heavily on their fast bowling attack of Stephenson, Clarke, Moseley and Alleyne, backed up by the offspin of

Parry.
The Springboks are expected to
Kourie and select two spinners. Kourie and Hobson, and leave out one of their fast bowlers, Hanley or le Roux. SOUTH AFRICAN XI (from): P N Kirsten (capt), S J Cook, H Fothernchain, R G Potock, K S McEwan, C E B Rice, A J Kourie, R V Jennings S T Jeffries, G S te Roux, D Hobson, R Hankey

WEST (NDIAN XI (from): L @ Rowe (capt). 6 P A F Rapchus, E Tromen, A I Kellicharren, M A Lynch, C L King, F os C Bispherson, D A Murray, D R Parry, E A Moseley, S T Ctarke, H



# Autumn at Wembley could lead to summer in Mexico

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Wembley is appropriately to dates and venues they had be England's gateway to Mexico suggested and had to compro-and the World Cup fiant in 1986. They will open their campaign there next Octover against Finland, the bottom seeds in group three, and will presented by the hours because of the problems seeds in group three, and will close it at the beginning of the following scason with three successive home ties against Romania. Turkey and finally

Bobby Robson, desturbed by the relative failure of his side at home during the European Championship, had joked that each of the World Cup qualify-ing matches might as well be played away, "where our form for the last two years has been chirarodinarily good", Instead the Football Association chose to follow the recent example of the reigning European cham-

West Germany divided their position. Overall we've got what European Championship quali-fying fixtures in half. The first four, squeezed into six weeks, were at home. Only the Irish, who defeted them twoce, have won all six of their games threatened to disrupt their against Finland. Their progress carefully planned route to the

Ted Croker, the secretary of the FA. revealed that England larly Romania, where they lost a ous month cost them a place in had been granted three of the World Cup qualifying tie three France.

May 27: Finland v Northern Ireland

October 17: England v Finland

October 31: Turkey v Finland

September 12: Northern Ireland v Romania

February 27: Northern Ireland v England

A P Learnington, who have to leave their ground at the end of the season, are hoping to reach

agreement next month on a move to

council-owned premises. The Southern League club want to share the Edmondscote sport stadium, which is currently used for athletics

and cycling and is nearer to the

town centre than their present

Leamington have played at The indmill since their formation in

1945, but the owners. Automotive

Products, decided earlier this year to

sell the ground. Learnington were unable to raise enough money to buy it themselves and are now hoping to dismantle their social club, floodlights and parts of their

stands and move them to the

Edmondscote stadium, Automotive

Products have said they will provide

Learnington are confident they

can bring the ground up to the standards required by the Southern

League but have asked to be given

more time to reach agreement or the move; under Southern League

rules they risk a heavy fine if they resign from the League after

Earlier this year Leamington won

the Southern League championship but were denied promotion to the Alliance Premier League because

their facilities were considered inadequate. Graham Aliner, the

manager, left in October to join Kidderminster Harriers - ironically

the club promoted to the Alliance

League in Learnington's place - and

Canon League opponents has underlined the Alliance Premier

League's position at the pinnacle of semi-professional football in Eng-land and Wales. That status is

reflected in the 1983-84 edition of

the "Rothmans F.4 Non-League Football Tear Book", (Rothmans and Queen Anne Press, £7.95)

Top of non-league tree

By Paul Newman

The FA Cup victories this season of Telford United Maidstone United and Worcester City over League from its earliest days and

the club are now on the fringe of the relegation zone. Jim Watson, the

all the necessary transport.

ground, The Windmill.

November 14: Northern Ireland v Finland: Turkey v

Leamington nearer

to completing move

By Paul Newman



home between April and September. Their first visitors are

Northern Ireland, at the end of

May, but their second will not

be until England go there a year later when half of the 20

matches will have been com-

Robson commented: "Every-

one was looking advantages but.

broadly speaking, it is a balanced schedule. If we can

pick up points in those four

away games, then we will

obviously be in a favourable

we wanted and I'm happy about

England should start by

collecting two points since they

to Turkey, for the first time.

Northern Ireland and particu-

Group Three qualifying matches

new manager. is having difficulty keeping players at the club because of the uncertainty over the future.

The Athenian League may continue next season after all. Most of the 21 Athenian clubs have

applied to join an expanded Ishmian League, but the Atheniam League say they will consider remaining in existance, albeit outside the new pyramid structure for non-league football, if a

for non-league football, if a "worthwhile" number of their clubs

caretaker-manager of Southport last month after the resignation of Russ

Perkins, has been given the job on a

permanent basis. In four weeks under Gibson's charge the former Football League club have lost only one out of eight matches and have

Premier League to a mid-table

more than 40 applicants for the post, played in the Northern Premier League for Mossley and Witton Albion before injury ended his career. He became coach at

Football League less than six years ago and since then have twice been saved from the brink of extinction.

They have some of the best facilities in the Northern Premier League.

Jin Pearson, the player-manager of North Shields (Northern League),

has declined an invitation to return

League) for whom he scored 26

ment of senior football outside the League from its earliest days and combines detailed histories of leagues with lists of competition

There is also a complete record of

matches played by non-League clubs in the FA Cup proper since

Vase competitions.

followed to Southport

Gibson, aged 29, who was one of

are not admitted.

the outcome.

Robson: happy

years ago, are likely to determine their desuny.

Yet, from this distant view point, September 11, 1985 stands out as perhaps the most significant date in England's calendar. The Romanians, who finished ahead fo Italy and Czechoslovakia to claim a place in the European Championship finals, are to play at Wembley that night.

Recent history suggests that England are at their most vulnerable at the dawn of a new have won all six of their games scason. Two years ago a defeat in Norway in September almost cost them a place in Spain. This during their subsequent travels year the defeat by Denmark at Wembley in the same treacher-

May 1: Northern Ireland v Turkey; Romania v England

September 11: Turkey v Northern Ireland; England v

October 16: Romania v Northern Ireland; England v

May 22: Finland v England

June 6: Finland v Romania

Romania

August 28: Romania v Finland

September 25: Finland v Turkey

November 13: England v Northern Ireland

# French dig in for European finals

Paris (Reuter) — While France have qualified automatically as hosts to neat year's European Championship finals their officials have been preparing the country for the tournament. For the past two years several of the nation's top football stadiums have looked like the targets of bombing raids — just because of the European Championship finals.

A construction and renovation programme, costing more than contracting the said and move to Nants and Saint-Etienne for their other reaches could add substantially to the cost.

programme, costing more than 1,000 million francs (some £90m) was designed to provide ultramodern venues. The first of 15 matches is due to kick off in the Parc des Princes stadium here on the prince of the princ June 12. The final will be staged in the same stadium 15 days leter.
Organizers throughout the country are working long hours to ensure the stage is set for the biggest football event in France since the 1938 World Cup.

The statistics are intimidating. Some 750,000 tickets have been printed for games spread around the country from Lens in the industrial north, to Marseille on the Mediterranean and Nantes, near the

One third have already been sold at prices ranging from 35 francs to 165 francs for the best seats at the final. It is hoped that total gate receipts will reach 50m francs.
The chief press officer, Philippe Tournon, says tickets are good value Tony Doyle, the racing cyclist, is hice a tennis player without a court. He is in the middle of his fourth, and most successful, season of indoor track racing, and yet, in between engagements in Europe, he has nowhere to train.

So boring

for Doyle

on a roll

of honour

By John Wilcockson

Britain does not have indoor excling facilities, other than the

former Wembley six-day track, now dilapidated, that sits in a bleak asceraft hanger at Calshot, on the

Solent.
"I'm having to do all my training on the rollers." Dovic explained this

week as he prepared for a Christmas Day race meeting at Ghent in Belgium. "It's one quick way to boredom." he commented referring

to pedalling his breycle on a set of training rollers at his home in Ashford, Middlesex.

Doyle made history two months

are when he became the first British

cyclist to win two European six-day

win even one. His pariner in the Berlin and Dortmund fixtures was

Danny Clark, a genial family man from Tasmania, who lives in perpetual winter—at Ghent in his facing season and back in Australia during our summer. Clark fractured

his pelvis during the third six-day race of this winter and he is utilikely to reappear in competition until the New Year.

"We could have ruled the most this year." Clark said. His injuries have severely curtailed his earnings. The top six-day performers are paid as much as £1,500 a day.

In Clark's absence, Doyle has been paired with another Australian, Gary Wiggins, who does not have the same speed or class as Clark. Even so, they have gained three fourth placings in their three six-day efforts, and they earned an excellent second place in the European team championship held in Copenhagen earlier this month.

Their next six-day outing is at Bremen, starting on January 5. "If I wasn't to ride the Ghent and Dormund races over Christmas.

Dormund races over Christmas, that would have been three weeks without competition," Doyle said.

With no indoor track in this country, Doyle, aged 25, usually travels across London each day to the old fashioned outdoor stadium.

the old fashioned outdoor stadium in Herne Hill. The consequent training sessions, in which he races

flat out against a small motor cycle,

are only possible when it is dry. Riding the rollers is no substitute. nor is the daily two-hour training

Nantes and Saint-Etienne for their other qualifying games. If they reach the semi-finals they will play in either Marseille and Lyon – where victory would take them back to Paris for the final.

Financial constraints are less likely to affect some 2,000 journalists expected to cover the champeonship. Most will be from Europe, but accreditation has also been requested from North been requested from North America, Japan, Mexico and even

handle television transmissions abroad. Each of the seven stadiums will have a television studio with video equipment for interviews and a sound-proofed press conference room with closed-circuit television relaying news events to all press Several stadiums have been torn

apart and put together again, notably the Stade Felix-Bollaert in Lens

# Win salvages pride

Perugia (Reuter) - The World Cup holders Italy, already out of next year's European Championship finals, regained some of the battered pride yesterday, cruising to a 3-1 win over Cyprus in their final qualifying match. The Italians, with flashes of the fluency and speed they showed in Spain 18 months ago, thus gained their only win in Group Five and saved them the final crushing indignity of finishing bottom of the table below Cyprus.

After a sluggish and goalless first half with attacking forays by Rossi and Altobelli failing to pierce the right Cypriot defence, the game came alive. Italy's first goal arrived only five minutes into the second half when Altobelli scored with a perfectly timed header from a corner by Dossena. finals, regained some of the battered

But the Cypriots staged a determined rally and finally emerged from their defensive posture, drawing level quarter of an hour later when Isighis scored from a penalty after being fouled by Collovani.

Cabrini put his side back in front with an 80th minute header. Rossi made it 3-1 with a penalty.

# Chairman realises a gold-mine at Hull

ual explanation for Bob Paisley's decision to retire at the end of last season. "It was because he saw what was happening at Hull and realized that soon Liverpool wouldn't be able to compete with us," he said. "So he got out while they were still

on top."

It was, of course, a tongue in cheek remark, but the suspicion lingers that deep down Mr Robinson might really believe it. Certainly Hull's progress since he took over as chairman just over 18 months ago has been quite remarkable. Then the seceiver had been called in, the club were in a parlous financial state £400,000 in the red and the team were little better, having just been relegated to the fourth division for the first time in their history. Now they are among the third division leaders with two of their players, the midfield player Steve McClaren and forward Brian Marwood, attracting the cager attention of first division

Even more impressively the club declared a profit of £10,347 last year and currently stand £94,000 in credit. As that suggests, Hull are no funger the poor relations on Humberside, where the football team is beginning to match and sometimes surpass the gates of the two Rugby League teams who have held a monompoly on the city's sporting affection for a decade. To all, but those who know Robinson the transformation is remarkable. Three years ago, as chairman of an equally successful non-league side at Scarborough, he was scathing about the financial state of many League clubs. Most

are sitting on a gold mine and don't realize it he had said, citing Hull as a club he would love to have the opportunity of developing simply a matter of marketing. inson, to date, has proved as good as his word. He has demonstated that his flair as an entertainments millionaire is as effective in football as in seaside

effective in football as in seaside amusement parks, theatre and television, and that what worked for a non-League club could readily be transposed into the League. Indeed his success has persuaded one colleague to say that if it were Don Robinson rather than his fellow Yorkshire chairman Anton Johnson involved with the buying Johnson involved with the buying

Yorkshire find success in extremities

For the Italians, dazed by their fall from grace, the result not only saves them from yet another rude shock to their dignity but sets them on the road to finding a new combination to beat the world again Mexico in 1986. Their manager, Fazo Reagrot says he is determined. Enzo Bearzot, says he is determined to put his side's 'darkest year' well behind him.

Superleague beckons one third division club

Don Robinson. Hull City's of several clubs, far from a League dynamic chairman, has an individ-investigation taking place. "they ought to change the rules and force decision to retire at the end of last other clubs to sell to him".

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As at Scarborough, the attack has been two-pronged, with a stress on community involvement and lucrative business deals running hand in hand. Mr Robinson is very conscious of the need to make the club part of the community and does so with gusto, whether that involves ope leagues to hold their cup finals there, inviting the first six arrivals on the popular side into the boardroom, organizing a marathon children to bring a grandparent into the match without charge.

Inemater without charge.

Important as such small scale
activities are in publicizing the club,
Mr Robinson's business acumen has also been important. The old plan to redevelop one stand to incorporate boxes was shelved. Instead a supermarket has been built on the stand at the front of the ground, which attracts attention as well as income and plans are afoot to build a dome on top, so that the ground can be used as a Hollywood bowl. The gymnasium is also being turned into an arena where the Harlem Globetrotters have already played. "You have got to look at other activities", Mr Robinson says. "Of course one looks at Tottenham. Liverpool and Manchester United and seeks to emulate them, but Real Madrid are a better lesson because

they have diversified and are financially sound". If those examples sound as if Mr Robinson has ideas above his third division station, the impression is correct. Recently Ron suggested that a super leage was being formed in the first divison, with even clubs like Birmingham no longer able to compete with the six biggest clubs. Mr Robinson also believes a super league is inevitable.
and that Hull will be in it.

"Sooner or later we are going to be playing the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds, and we not only want to be in the super league. we want to win it. We have as much potential here as anywhere. Hull is a big club, we've got our own railway station and easy road access. The Humber Bridge has opened the area up and there are 1.5 million people within half-an-hour of the

Popplewell: one mistake too many

# **Superlative Spurling**

The players of Tonbridge School produced a superlative display in the semi-final round of the H. K. Foster Cup yesterda at Queen's Club. In a gripping match worthy of a final, Adrian Spurling, the first seed, faced imminent dieat by the fourth seed, Rupti Owne-Browne, also of Tonbridge. However, Spurling found the depth of character to wrest back the initiative and win 11-15, 17-15, 15-10, 15-9. Obviously nervous. Spurling,

cemed at the outset mesmerized by seemed at the outset mesmenzed by the occasion, but Owen-Browne began in a businesslike manner. Composed, deliberate and aggress-ive, he set a cracking pace, particularly with his ruthless double-handed backhand which

generated powerful shots even off the back foot.

Dominating by effective serving, double-handed from the right side.

But then, when a game to love and 11-2 down. Spurling found a new resolve. He fought his way back to 6-12 and the game became critically

alanced
At 11-12 Owen Browne's methodical footwork began to freeze; at 14-14 he chose set to three and lost

The Etonian, Alan Giddins, the second seed, used his double handed Radician. Edmund Popplewell, 15-6. 10-15, 15-5, 6-15, 15-4 in a match

of changing fates dependent on service. Popplewell mingled some glorious strokes with unforced errors through occasional casua A younger Owen-Browne, James len-hander, won

the back foot.

Dominating by effective serving, double-handed from the right side, and with a precise second service, he seemed to be heading for victory.

A younge Owen to Incledon-Webber Colls Cup, defeating Robert Wellington 15-10, 15-2, 15-9, although Bruce gave a good account of himself in the rallies.

#### TENNIS

## for Telford The West Midlands Tennis and

The West Midlands Tennis and Racquet Centre at Telford, which was opened last summer, will be the venue for Britain's Davis Cup mutch against Italy from February 24 to 26 next year. The centre hosted the inaugural Refuge Assurance national championships.

This will be the first Davis Cup tie in the Midlands since 1969 when West Germany played in Birmine-

West Germany played in Birming-ham. There will be seating for about 2.500 spectators and Italian sup-porters have already begun booking accomodation in the Telford area.

Paul Hutchins, Britain's national team manager, said: "It is important that our tennis public turns out in numbers to counteract the support the Italians are bound to receive. Although this is a very difficult us I am optimistic we can do well providing I can field our best team.

The last time the countries met, in 1981, Britain won 3-2 at Brighton.

The following players, the leading 12 in the tennis Grand Prix, have qualified for the Masters tournament in New York from January 10

## Cup match Fraser has problems

Melbourne (Reuter) - Pat Cash's volatile temperament caused the Australian captain. Neale Fraser, more problems yesterday, four days before the Davis Cup final against

On Wednesday Fraser said that John Fitzgerald's suddon loss of confidence and form was worrying confidence and form was worrying him as the squad settled down to solid match practice. Yesterday during training Cash slammed tennis balls high into the Kooyong Stadium, and at one stage his racket landed in the fourth row of grandstand stars after bouncing off the court.

Cash, aged 18, had just lost the-second set of a practice match to Fitzgerald when he clashed with Fragerand when he clashed with Fraser and stormed off court. Asked whether Cash's temperament was becoming problem for him, Fraser said: "It appears that way. The tension can be a good and a bad

T. Milander (Swei; 2, I Land (Cz); J. J. MicEnever (LS); S. J. Communs (LS); S. V. Moulin (Pr); E. J. Artes (LS); T. J. Higuetes (Sp); S. A. Gomezi



ride on the roads of Middlesex and

Indoor arenas have been mooted during recent years in Leeds. Birmingham and Edinburgh, and the Sports Council earmarked a substantial grant. But nothing has materialized. It is now hoped that an indoor cycle track will be incorporated in the grandiose developments planned for the Wembley complex.

There is a chance that the London six-day race is to be revived next winter, but this will be raced on a portable track that will remain for just a week in Wembley Arena. A permanent facility is needed if this country is to produce any more

Doyle came to prominence after being dropped at the last minute from the Olympic team in Moscow, He turned professional, and immediately won the worki pro-fessional pursuit championship at

Besancon in France. This gave him an entry into the exclusive world of six-day racing, but he had much to learn. Before this season, his best six-day placing had been fifth. Six-day racing is a spectacular and demanding sport that draws crowds in Europe as big as those for grand priv tennis. At Bremen, the West German organizers expect an increase on the 178,000 speciators who came to watch their race last

winter. No wonder thet can pat big money to the star riders. money to the star riders.

But it is not all glamour, for the silk-vested idols of the continental circuit, Racing can continue each night until 4am. On Doyle's brief sorties, part of his luggage is a sleeping bag which he rolls out in a cell-sized room in each velodrome basement, shared with another rider. "I bet McEnroe or Connors wouldn't put up with conditions like these." he said. Nor would they be

these," he said. Nor would they be likely to stay on top of their sport

# Pedalling for more prizes

The seventh Sealink international pro-am cycle race, which begins in Skelmersdale on April 9, is boosted by an overall 41 per cent increase in cash prizes. The total prize money now available for the 60 riders in 10 teams has been increased from £2,456 to £3,724.

The extra incentive coincides with the toughest Sealink so far with a total of 27 hill climbs in te 509 miles, nine more than this year and includes Yorkshire's Holme Moss, The Cat and Fiddle, and Snake Pass in Derbyshire.

Daily prizes have been increased on hill climbs, with first category winners collecting £20 each, and the overall winner when the race ends in Sheffield on April 14 picking up prizes valued at £500, an increase of £150.

RACKETS

Bugner on

Joe Bugner will return to the ring next month in Denmark, if the British Boxing Board of Control lift their ban on him. Bugner will fight in Randers on a a bill promoted by Mogen Palle, in association with Frank Warren. The bout will take place on January 13. against an opponent who has yet to be named. and Bugner will jointly top the bill, with the undefeated heavyweight. Steffen Tangsted.

Bugner hopes to be given the all-

IN BRIEF

brink of

return

clear by the board on January 11. He was suspended after lighting Marvis Frazier without permission. YACHTING: The backer, designer and esptain of the America's Cup winner, Australia II, will attend the opening of the French boat show in Paris, on January 13. Alan Bond. Ben Lexcen and John Bertrand will be guests of honour. BOWLS: David Bryant, the sport's

most famous name, and Norma Shaw, the women's world outdoor singles champion, will take part in the Regalgrene short mat championship in Stockport, on Sunday, January 22

OLYMPIC GAMES: The IOC president. Juan Antonio Sama-ranch, said yesterday he was very confident that the Soviet Union would compete at Los Angeles next year. His confidence results from a tong meeting with Marat Oramov, president of the Soviet Union's national Olympic committee.

CRICKET: Roger Tolchard, sacked

by Leicestershire, is returning to his former school, Malvern, in April to help with the coaching of ricket and rackets. He has been succeeded as Leicestershire captain by David

● In keeping with the annual tradition. Noel Bennen's XI are to play the Yule Logs at Preston Park, Brighton, on Christmas Day. The match starts at 10 am and 20 overs

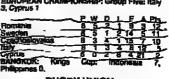
ATHLETICS - Jarmila Kratochvi-

lova of Czechoslovakia has been voted best woman athlete of the year by an international jury appointed by the athletics magazine Track .and Fteld News. Miss Kratochvilova, aged 32, was selected for her gold medal performances in the 400m and 800m in the world athletics championships in Helsinki, and defeated Mary Decker of the United States, winner of the 1500m and 3,000m in Helsinki. Malaysia and Thailand, who are

in the running for final places in the 1984 Olympic tournament, may be barred from qualifying after playing in an unficensed event.

FOR THE RECORD

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**RUGBY UNION** 

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REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 31, Combined London OB 4.

**FIXTURES** 

which includes comprehensive pen pictures of players and managers at all 22 Alliance clubs. A useful companion to the year book is "Non League: a history of League and Cup Football" (Bob Barton, £4,95). Barton, who also

## Champion is omitted

BADMINTON

By Iain Mackenzie

Alison Fulton the Scottish women's champion, who retained the title at Meadowbank just two weeks ago, is now not considered good enough to appear for Scotland. She was not named in any of the She was not named in any of the three sided announced yesterday to meet England in Bishopbriggs on January 26, and Canada in Aberdeen on January 30 and again in Lunan on February 1.

Mrs Fulton was aggrieved yesterday that her place in the first two matches has gone to her rival. Pamela Hamilton, she beat Miss Hamilton in both the 1982 and 1983 national finals. Jenny Alien has surprisingly been brought in at Lurgan for her first senior singles

TEANG: Nen's singles: 1. A White (Kimarnock); 2. K Middlemes (Edinburgh). Ladles singles: P Hamilton (Guistrod). Men's doubles: N Gilliand (Romford) and D Travers (Glasgow); White and I Pringle (Pasiley): Wohen's doubles: Hamilton and J Ahm (Edinburgh). Mixed doubles: Gilland and C Neaty (Edinburgh).

# Showdown sought

Lyn Tatham, the director of the Sports Council for Wales, has written to the RU, to request an early meeting on the issue of their support for matches against South
African teams. The council are
firmly behind the Gleneagles
agreement, which precludes any
involvement with sport in South Africa, so long as the policy of appartheid remains in force there.

"Whilst the council respects the autonomy of all governing bodies of sport in Wales, we will urge the WRU to have consideration for the

harm which its action may cause to Welsh competitors in international events of this kinds", Mr Tatham The South African youth team, undertaking a six-match tour of Wales, failed to start their first

match, against a combined Brid-

gend and Aberavon side on Wednesday night, because the pitch

was waterlogged.

Prideaux Boy, 25-1 runner-up to Admiral's Cup at Ascot on Saturday, will run next in the L'Oreal Handicap Hurdle at Newbury on New Year's Eve.

## without spectators if local councillors take action over a policing costs dispute. South Yorkshire County Council are lining up against United, who owe the county more than £51,000 for police bills at their Bramail Lanc ground. United say they will not request police to be present at the Bolton game. The chairman of the Police Commissee, George Moores, said: spectators. We don't mind."

Match may

be held

in camera

Sheffield United's New Year's

Eve clash with Bolton Wanderers could be played behind closed doors

council are to seek court action to ban supporters unless the club requests sufficient policing.

The third division club have been served with a writ for payment of more than £51,000 owed for policing matches last season and part of this season and so far the bill has not been paid. They have until December 29 to lodge a defence in

the High Court against the writ.

The club have asked for policemen to be present at the Boxing Day derby with Rotherham. That match will go shead. The club chairman, Reg Brealcy, has made it clear that they will not request police presence for the game with Bolton and are not prepared to pay

 John Toshack, back in charge at Swansea 53 days after resigning from the second division club, is planning to play again. He said it was "a distinct possibility" that he would play against Cardiff City at Ninian Park on Boxing Day.

The European football union (UEFA) have fined the Albanian (UEFA) have fined the Albanian Football Association almost £1,000 for fighting by Albanian players during the European Championship match against Wet Germany in Saarbruecken on November 20. The West German association were fined almost £200 after fireworks

were let off during the match. A six-man consortium are trying to take over Aldershot. Two former star players and four businessmen ore planning an advertising cam-paign next month to try to persuade page next indition by the pages shareholders to sell their shares, valued at 25p, for double the going rate. If they secure 51 per cent of the shares they will effectively run the

reorganized into its present form, and of all the winners, runners-up and semi-finalists in the FA Amateur Cup FA Trophy and FA Aian Dodd, a Wolserhampton defender, is to stay with the club and not move to Derby as part of the fee for Paul Futcher. Wolverhampton "Tansley to B'embley" is a personal account of the 1982-83 FA Vase competition. are continuing negotiations to sign Futcher in a straight £50,000 deal.

# **RUGBY UNION**

By Michael Stevenson Yorkshire 18 group..... Cumbria 18 group.....

Yorkshire 18 group conquered the conditions and a spirited but rather raw Cumbria side at likley yesterday. The game was choked with handling mistakes, inevitable in the appalling conditions, before Yorkshire realized that, on the day, hools were as important as hands. Yorkshire may well shake down into a very good side. Yesterday it was very hard to assess them was very hard to assess them realistically. There was no mistaking the talent of the Cumbria scrum half. Waite, however, and his parmer, Bevan, though rather ungainly, did many things. Generally Cumbria's job was to tackle and keep on tacking which they did with great courage.

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ally Cumbria's job was to tackle and keep on tackling which they did with great courage.

An early break by Priestly for Yorkshire, which came to nothing, was symtomatic of their early problems. Bogged down by the mud, their exciting backs lost several fine chances trhough indifferent backing up or selfishness on the part of the bill carrier.

Scottish schoolboy rugby has suffered a further setback, following matches are confirmed, but Archie MacIntyre, the SSRFU secretary, said yesterday that the loss of Kelso, owing to the imperuniosity grievous disappointment."

France simply could afford the trip, and England had problems over dates, he said. "I hope and believe this is a termorary situation.

swift possession was won and Tunningley took Gillepsie's pass to score wide out. McMaw converted. A fine break by Waite ended without the try it might have created and it was Yorkshire who went further ahead shortly after the interval when Wilhy caught cleanly in the line-out almost on the Yorkshire line and fell over to score. A glorious try followed when Prietly broke on the crash, fed Priestly broke on the crash, fed Carling and Tether took Carling's pass and returned the compliment

for Carling to score under the posts.
Yorkshire's last score followed a
crisp break by Hopkinson which Scotland lose another fixture

ball carrier.

McMaw for Yorkshire and Birkett for the visitors both missed a couple of penalties and the stalemate was maintained until a wreath on January 7, and against fixtures during the school holidays.

was developed enterprisingly by the Yorkshire knoker, Whiteburst, He gave Moore the scoring pass, by Cunningley once again missed the lock in from of the posts.
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# Now is the high season of Winter

imagine two more contrasting trainer on the flat at Newmar-quarter miles and the absurd figures than Fred Winter and ket, recognized these qualities clicke, Winter literally lifted Michael Dickinson as they of singlemindedness and dedi-his exhausted mount past the continue their relentless battle for the title of champion trainer. stage. "I've seen the same thing Sporting a trendy hairdo and a in other top men in all walks of afternoon as the pair resisted deep tan, Dickenson has been life," he says. "They move the challenge of the jockey's cock of the walk for the past two about in a sort of cocoon, bosom friend and rival, Dave seasons. The 33-year-old perfectionist never wears a hat and seldom goes racing, preferring to supervize operations from his Yorkshire headquarters.

Winter, on the other hand, still clearly relishes the cut-andthrust of his days on the track. The 57-year-old former champion trainer and paratrooper hunches his shoulders like a wary and aggressive terrier as he stands in the unsaddling enclosure waiting to greet his winners. On cold days the collar of his tweed Husky coat is turned up to protect its wearer against the elements; and from under his Trilby hat his piercing but humorous eyes are always ready to parry the questions from us news-hungry backs.

After undergoing a heart attack three years ago, Winter has to husband his physical and mental resources. As Boxing Day approaches, and with it the end of the first half of the cason, he is still leading trainer in terms of prize money earned, just ahead of his arch rival, And a great deal will hang in the balance as Winter's and Dickinson's challengers go down to the start of the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park.

#### **Formidable**

Any conversation, however brief, with this formidable character is like a showdown and should not be approached lightly. Acknowledging his famous abruptness, he says: "I'm afraid I hate talking to people and I always will. Idread money no fewer than 2,015 that moment when someone times, which represents a catches my eye and I know that proportion of 47 per cent win they've got something to say to Winter is like Dick Hern in this respect; both dislike being approached on the racecourse as it disturbs their



cation in his brother at an early post," has never seemed more isolated from other people." Winter's first step along his

lonely and incomparably suc-

cessful road was taken at Salisbury on May 14, 1940, when he rode his first winner on Tam O'Shanter at the age of 13. During the war he worked in a factory and then went into the Army. "That was good enough for Fred," his brother says. "He had to join the paratroopers and become an officer too, that was way. He set himself ctives. When the war finished he had to start over fences, because he had become too heavy for the Flat. He wasn't a natural. He just made

#### Recovery

Windsor on December 27.

Then followed a fall at Wve which nearly put a premature end to his career, "Fred broke three vertebrae and was out for the rest of the season. As soon recovery he started building up his strength again with exercises. Nothing ever got the better of him.

During the next 17 years Winter's strength and determi-nation carried him to unforget-table peaks, which held a whole generation spellbound. He had 4,298 rides in Britain, France, Ireland and the United States covering about 7,000 miles over fences and hurdles. He had 319 falls to counter-balance his 929 winners. He finished in the and place horses to rides undertaken, a dramatic illustration of his will to persevere. even when the cause seemed

His principal retainer was for another legendary character, Ryan Price, for whom he won champion burdles, on Clair Soleil, Fare Time and

Not only did the punters always get a square deal with Winter, they also watched history being made as, with legs and thighs locked motionless against his horse's sides, he rode one big race winner after another, with those powerful shoulders driving releatlessly downwards and forwards through the fulcrum. It may not have been stylish but it was effective. He rode two Gold Cup

winners on his favourite racecourse, Cheltenham, in con-secutive seasons on Saffron Tartan and Mandarin. Saffron

John Winter, himself a Tartan barely stayed three and a appropriate than on that March Dick, on Pas Sul.

There were also two Grand National triumphs on Sundaw in 1957 and Kilmore in 1962. They were two entirely different types," he remembers. "You had to leave Sundew alone to make his own arrangements. The previous season I made him fall by trying to tell him what to do when he was in the lead at Bechers the second time

Winter describes Mandarin as "the bravest borse I've ever known." The sweltering Parisian crowd saluted the same quality in the man as well as in ridden Mrs Peggy Hennessy's gallant bay to that incredible victory in the Grand Steepleover fences came on Carton at chase de Paris in 1959. Few vatchers knew at the time that Mendarin's bit had broken at the fourth fence and that his jockey had steered his way all around Anteuil's figure of eight by strength of leg and balance

> Just before he retired from the saddle Winter rode three winners in an afternoon at Newbury. On his return to the veighing-room his fellow ockeys rose spontaneously to their feet and cheered him to the echo. "I've never seen such again," John Oaksey, the former amateur rider turned journalist and television commentator, says.

Refused a job as a starter, Winter began to train. His first campaign was at Uplands, Lambourn, with only eight horses. Quick success soon set the blood racing. Jay Trump, his first ever winner — at Sandown on Oct 21, 1964 - went on to beat Freddie in that close finish to the National the following spring.

By the end of the season he had won 25 races with 13 horses. His earnings for his owners (£32,190) were only slightly less than those of the leading trainer, Peter Cazalet, who had won £36,153.

#### Suddeness

Winter still wonders at the suddeness of it all. "There is so much chance in life. I was riding in the States when I was introduced to Phylis Mills. She is Mimi Abel-Smith's sister. And through her my name was put up to Mary Stephenson, Jay Trump's owner. And that's how the horse and Tommy Smith came to Lambourn."

Winter has been champion trainer seven times. The names



Lanzarote and Killiney pay tribute enough to the trainer's mastery of his craft. Bula and the ill-fated Lanzarote won champion hurdles three between them.

The memory of Crisp's narrow failure to give Red Rum 23lbs in the Grand National is still vivid as it was in 1973. Then there were the spring-heeled Pendil's twin triumphs in the King George VI Steeple-chase. Midnight Court was also a high class chaser when he sprinted home seven lengths clear of Brown Lad in the 1978 Cheltenham Gold Cup. Despite the recent drought, the trainer has enjoyed a golden autumn. Brown Chamberlin's easy

rictory in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup and Fifty Dollars More's gallant defeat of The Tsarevich in the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup has raised stable hopes that one of the pair can give Winter his third training triumph in the King George VI. But Wayward Lad. Bregawn and The Mighty Mac will make a formidable trio of such giants as Crisp, Mid- of opponents as Dickinson

night Court, Pendil, Bula, attempts to win the race for the fifth consecutive time.

Winter is making no forecast about the result. "My borses are well and so, I'm sure, are Michael's. I'm looking forward to crossing swords at Kempton. May the best man win. What is more important, may the best

#### Indignant

When I went into the kitchen for breakfast at Uplands recently, the trainer's parrot gave a squawk of horror and disappeared underneath the table. "Daisy doesn't like strangers very much," Di Winter, said, as she retrieved the indignant bird and returned her to her cage. "But she likes Fred. Daisy's very fond of

Fred. As Daisy appears to be a sound judge of character, it might be best to let this perspicacious bird speak the last word on behalf of those who admire, respect and venerate Fred Winter, OBE.

Michael Seely

## **Prizes for** Jacklin

SPORTS AWARDS

and Cram By Our Sports Staff

Tony Jacklin has been named as the White Horse Whisky golf personality for 1983, in recognition of his achievement as Ryder Cup capmin in Florida last October. Jacklin was a narrow winner of the sward, which is decided by the committee of the Association of

Golf Writers. He just beat Nick Faldo, a mainstay of Europe's Ryder Cup squad, winner of five tourna-ments and the first man to pass £100,000 winnings in a season. The choice is a surprise one for.

The choice is a surprise one for-cartier this week, in a poll of all the membership. Faldo was voted winner of the golf writers' trophy, with Severiano Ballesteros runnerup. Jacklin, plus the European Ryder Cup team, finished third. lacklin came within a whicker of inspiring his men to beat the United States of their own territory for the first time. He is certain to be named as captain for the next match, at the

Belly, in 1985.

"I have been so busy down here that I haven't had time to think about the Ryder Cup, but this award has brought all the wonderful memories flooding back Everything was perfectly right over there, except for one thing – we lost by one point." He will be presented with the

award, and a cheque for £2,500, at a ceremony early in the new year. Steve Cram, the world, European and Commonwealth 1500 metres champion, had collected another N Jackson Memorial Cup, awarded by the Amateur Athletic Association to the outstanding athlete of the

Other honours announced by the AAA yesterday were:

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Harvey Memorial Cup for the best AAA
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performance in the championships, Peter
Williams (US), High Jump, 2.23 metres; Philips
Trophy for the best performance in the AAA
ndoor championships, Airely Bermett
(Birchfeide Harriero), 400 metres, 47.05eec.
Linicon Augusti (Estchfeid Harriers) won two
awards: The George Hopsberk Trophy for the
best junior strikets, the won the European junior
100 metres title – and the Joe Turner Trophy
for the best youth afficies were to Adeoly white
London trials AC) for his 200 metres in 20.92
seconds.

• New York (Reuter) - The American runner, Mary Decker, has been named sportsperson of the year in a poll organized by Sports Illustrated magazine. Decker, who won both the 1.500 metres and 3.000 metres events at the first World Championships in Helsinki earlier this year, is only the third woman to win the award. The others were tennis players Billio-Jean King and Chris Event Lloyd,

# Miss Wenzel quick to add another **World Cup victory**

West Germany, on January 7.

Haus, Austria (Agencies) - Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, won her second successive women's Alpine tenstein skier leads with 40 points, from Miss Hess on 37 Judging by current performances, World Cup event, with a narrow victory in the giant slalom here yesterday, to add to her first-ever win on Wednesday, Her time of 2min 09.46sec over the two legs was a mere cleven hundredths of a second faster than the runnerup, Maria Epple, of West Germany.
Christin Cooper, of the United
States, was third in 2:09.65.
Miss Wenzel set up her victory in
the last World Cup race before the

nd-of-year break by registering the fastest time in the first leg, albeit fastest time in the first leg, albeit only two hundredths of a second faster than Erika Hess, of Switzerland. The 1980 Olympic gold medallist, banned from the winter Olympics in Sanajevo next February, was fourth in the second leg, while Miss Hess could finish no higher than SAB.

Miss Hess, on 135 points, retains the overall World Cup lead, and Miss Epple's elder sister, Irene, is second with 121, but Miss Wenzel's two victories have left her hot on the heels of the leaders, with 97

points.

Miss Epple has only recently returned to the pistes after a long illness, and her second place produced her first World Cup points the season.
While Miss Hess, who won the season's first giant slalom, in Val D'isere two weeks ago, continued to look out of form, Miss Wenzel went ahead of her in the giant slalom

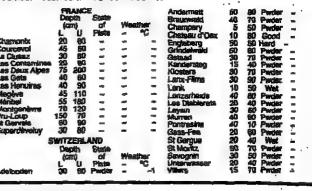
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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britzin, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following has been received from a tourist board:



**BOOK REVIEWS** 

# An objective and humorous tale of the Lions trail

By David Hands

The unworthy thought comes to mind after poring through four books written about the 1983 British unspecessful tour attracts so many words, what will a successful tour bring. The statistics of the tour are still fresh in the mind; it received more media attention than any thing is that, at the end of it all, no ersonalities emerged.

There may be excellent reasons for this. Willio-John McBride, the tour manager, had to sanction interviews so access to players may not have been all that could have been wished. It was the hardest schedule ant touring team to New Zealand has yet faced and it was McBride's own complaint that the players had little chance to see the country. Yet I can hardly believe that the tour did not contain its crop of characters and their doings might rugby travels. Or are tours too erious to be fun any more?

Perhaps some of the authors were too busy with their own pre-concep-tions of the tour to worry with personalities. For an objective view, however, I would not besitate to nowever, I would not destate to recommend On The Lions' Trail (Rugby Press Ltd. Anckland), written by Don Cameron, rugby correspondent of the New Zealand Herald. To see ourselves as others see us...Cameron had no axe to grind, he tells his tale with humour and thoughtfulness and a sense of regret that these Lions should have left little more behind them than

semories of Oilir Campbell's boot. His book also contains an instructive interview with David Lord, he of the professional circus. and some outstanding colour photography. There is another nstructive interview in The Lions in Winter by Karl Johnston (George Allen and Unwin, £7.95), this time with Greg McGee, a junior All Black who turned his back on the game and became a playwright. McGee

expressed the opinion to Johnston that the order in New Zealand was

changing, where rugby was no longer so dominating a factor as once it was. Johnston, rugby correspondent of the Irish Press, writes with charm and an admirable whimsy - be. I am sure, was determined to extract some fun from the tour - and does his utmost to be objective about the Irish contribution to the party which aroused the ire of so many of his English colleagues. He defends the selection as captain and player of Ciaran Fitzgerald but it is interesting that in none of the books

does Fitzgerald emerge to hold the stage. Always, he seems under the long standow cast by McBride. It is Firegerald who occupies the mind of lan Robertson, one of four contributors to Lions v All Blacks 23: Two sides To The Argument by Robertson, Bill Benumont, Terry McLean and Andy Dalton (Stanley Paul, £6.95). The conception of this ook is different, in its desire to bring the opposing sides together between two covers, but effectively it is the accrbic Robertson and the grand old man of New Zealand rugby writing, McLean, whom readers of this paper may remember

April for a detailed record of the

That changed of course, four

published. Sponsorhsip brought a

change of name last year to the Benson and Hedges Cricket Year,

Benson and Hedges Cricket Year, which appears now for the second

time. The strength of the book is its

thanks to sponsorship, the publishers. Pelham, are able to keep the cover price down to £10.95.

Coverage of the game world-wide

illustrations and,

previous summer's cricket.

magnificante

Fitzgerald: selection as British Lions captain is defended

If blame is to be attributed - and it is sprayed around in this book - it should be placed back bome, where players do not learn many of the basics early enough and consebearing little quently grow up comparison with the greats of yesteryear so fondly, but often irrelevantly, remembered.

The science applied to rugby football during the seventies makes no player deserves the dissection that Furgerald has received, whatever his supposed inadequacies. It was not his fault the tour failed and I have doubt that, as a player, he could have contributed any more than he did.

If ever a book is written called Rural Rides through Rugby, David Frost will be the man to write it. The Guardian's rugby correspondent looks benignly upon the tour in Lions 83 (Pelham Books, £8.95). with a slight air of puzziement that it all went wrong. It is the officeat asides which lend Frost's book character and it is only a shame that his deadline left him too little time to make a more definitive judgment.

It was mere coincidence that during the week Welsh Rught; Scrapbook (Souvenir Press Ltd. £8.95 hard cover, £5.95 soft cover) by Gerald Davies arrived for review, another famous Welshman, Wynford Vaughan Thomas, joined forces with Davies to describe the national pasture in Wales as talking. There is nothing like hearing Welshmen talk, with

under the sun and few things move them more than rugby.
As Davies remarks, conjecture is all in rugby. Two people watching the same game can happily leave the ground with differing impressions of what has happened. A game that leaves one onlooker spellbound can bore the pants off another. Davies on rugby is never boring.

This book follows in a series of scrapbooks from the same publisher and Davies flits like a honeybee among the 1970s, a golden period in which he played a leading role. Sometimes, reading a Davies match report, it is easy to appreciate that behind each word, 20 more are behind each word. 20 more are itching to get out. Davies offers a genuine insight to the Welsh 'ke' for rugby and writes cogently of the change in the game's face during 1971 when it took on the "trappings and paraphernalia of a professional A belated thought on the

A belated thought on the Rothmans Rugby Yearbook 1983-84 (Queen Anne Press, £10.95 hard cover, £6.95 soft cover), under a new editor, Steve Jones, now following his much-respected predecressor. Vivian Jenkins, at The Sunday Times. I am delighted to see two major innovations: much, if not all of the detail of the Lious tour to New Zealand ast summer (which previous volumes had to reserve for previous volumes had to reserve for the next season but one) and a genuine acknowledgment of the developing nations. This fatter comes by way of a detailed look at last season's FIRA tournament and a study of the Cathay Pacific Hongkong Bank world sevens. No

# The wise complement to Wisden

By Marcus Williams

the year. Modern production methods and the sheet bulk of the ilmanack have left us to wait until

It is a long time - far longer than has been extended to include most of us can remember - since domestic cricket in India, Pakistan and Zimbabwe. The scores of Test matches, one-day internationals and other leading fixtures are given in detail, the rest uppear in summarized form. The overall quality is marred only by a few minor blemishes, caused, I feel sure, only years ago when, within a matter of by the haste demanded by the weeks of the end of the season, the production schedules. Pelham Cricket Year was first

David Lemmon, the enthusiastic editor and aprolific author in his own right of books on cricket, is the first to acknowledge the supremacy of Wisden as the game's leading reference book. His Benson and Hedges Cricket Year is now a compulsive complement

by-ball cricket coverage will not have to wait until next season to

keep in touch with their favourite team. Not only will there be extensive live broadcasts from England's tour of Pakistan, but there is also Test Match Special 2 (Queen Anne Press, £9.95), edited by Peter Baxter and containing contributions from the masters of the mike -Arlott, Johnston, Bailey, Trueman. Biofeld, Lewis and Martin-Jenkins -

#### Money-saving guide

A guide showing sports clubs now to save money when applying for planning permission to build facilities has just been published by the Scottish Sports Council. It is obtainable from the council at 1 St. Colme Street, Edinburgh, Eri3 6AA.

## The pointless rule of the percentage men and their decimal points

## Public surveys are a public nuisance You know those useless monger comes along and splits days, our special trains, our Lacking such opportunities, his public surveys that are conductive attendances into social coach excursions, our sup-modern urban equivalent buys

ted from time to time - the ones division. Only then will we telling you, for instance, that learn what we never suspected fewer women eat chocolate before: that bank managers biscuits now than 25 years ago, prefer sitting in the stand to breed of dog with the middle shorthand typists are preponin England. Such surveys have seen dead at matches - and so not yet reached sport, but they out will, and when they do they are

trying to conduct one yourself. Average attendance at Football League matches get a analysed down to the last regular airing. If they are up, everybody cheers. If they are

But suppose that a survey- gral to sport. We love our away- the Amazon, the New World.

Eating habits could also come sure to become an industry.

Let me anticipate some had the wit to calculate how typical specimens so that fewer many slices of currant cake are of you will be taken in to the eaten and cups of tea drunk at extent of believing them to county cricket matches during matter or, what is worse, of an average season. When the county cricket matches during day of the survey dawns, those figures, too will be revealed and decimal point for deeper mean-

Travel is a much larger, down, everybody says the game unexplored country. It is inte-

porters club outings, with beer and songs. Harmless fun, all of it, provided the hooligans themselves born survey-fodder that the spaniel is most popular standing on the terraces, that - are absent. But perhaps there is more to

classes, or that bowler hats are derant among women supmore frequently seen in the City porters, that working men who call in the survey man. Put him
of London than anywhere else do the pools would not been on a pedestal, like a doctor or a television wiseacre. Ask his opinion, humbly, fearfully. What does he read in the tea leaves? Is it serious? Of course it is, but not, he is

glad to say, fatal. The gist of his conclusions is that men like to travel to away games not merely because they want to support their team - that, psychologically speaking, is a secondary reason - but because man is a restless animal, ever hungry for novelty and adventure. In the old days he sought the Northwest Passage, the source of

modern urban equivalent buys a return ticket to Manchester Piccadilly. If there is one thing the

survey people esteem above any other, it is a percentage. More than 55 per cent of all croquet players, they might assert, are either clergymen or

retired generals. Thirty-eight per cent of rugby players went to a public school. The divorce rate is higher (fill in your own percentage here) among discuss throwers than among marathon runners. Sixty-three per cent of those who play bowls are on a pension, compared with 99.9 per cent 30 years ago. My private survey of the

gentlemen who conduct surveys ndicates that 100 per cent of them would be better employed sweeping the roads.

Gordon Allan

# Smith's Man leaves Mrs Pitman buoyant Mercy Rimmell won the Farley Handicap Chase with Sir John Hanner's Royal Merc, who handled

Smith's Man to make a winning first appearance over fences in the Ellastone Novices chase at Uttoxeter yesterday was brimming with confidence for a second successive Welsh National triumph on Tuesday. She reported both last year's narrow winner. Corbiere, and Burrough Hill Lad in peak condition for the big Chepslow

12:30 COLTSFOOT HURDLE (3 y-a: novices:

1,30 CLOVES CHASE (£1,696: 2m 4f

DRD LEIGHTON ch g by Vaguely Noble Gentle Thoughts (& Rund 7-11-5

Going: Heavy

Pitman's opinion that he would develop into a useful chaser when he took the measure of The Welder the 11-10 favourite at the second last fence and went on to store by three lengths from Gamble Hall!. "I bought Smith? Me bought Smith's Man, who is related to Dramatist, for 2,800 guiness at Doncaster sales last summ been plagued by small splints down his tendon bone, but he is a big strong horse and I knew that he to easily land the Tutbu went over two and a half miles and ditional Handicap Chase. Smith's Man justified Mrs Hereford results

2.0 CARAWAY CHASE 16-y-ox novices: \$1,081: RATIVE BREAK by Native Charges Commercial Break (R Enwards) 11-0 P Scudemore (12 TOTE: Wirt. E8.60. Places: 22.60. E2.10. E1.50. DF: Wirner or 2nd with any other horse: E2.50. CSF: E88.09. Mrs W Sylves at Bishops Castle. 42. 12 L Trust The King (2-1 fav). Another Spin (16-1) 4th. 14 ran.

TOTE Win: 55.40. Preces: £1.30, £2.60, £1.60. DF: £11.30. CSF: £22.11. R Holder at Brisiol. 10t. 20t. The Thunderer (11-2.40). 16 2.30 COMPREY CHASE (handicap: £1,371; 3m PUCKA FELLA 6 g by Sahib - So Bear (Mrs D Tucker) 8-10-8...M O'Halloran 1.0 COWSLIP HURDLE (selling: handicup: \$862-2m P Hobbs (4-1) 2

Mr R Durwoody (28-1) 3 MR MYND b g by Deadly Nightshads - Lady Mynd (G Buckingham-Bawden) 8-10-5 K Mooney (6-1) 1 Petitistree M Catwell (2-1 lay 2 Severn Sound Miss S James (8-1) 3 TOTE Wir. 24.50. Places: 2.30. 12.50. 94.00. DF: 213.50. CSP. 215.02. Tricest 223.30. Mrs D Tucker in Burnham-on-Sea. 10, 9. Scrymy Spring (11-4 tev) 48. 10 ren. NR: Bashful Lad, Farmer Fred. TOTE. Wire SE.60. Places: 22.10. 2150. 21.30. DF: 213.80. CSF: 517.84. TRICAST: 287.74. J Whight at Bromyard. 122, 4L Singalong Joe (20-1) 4th. 14 ran. No bid. 3.0 CORIANDER HURDLE (handicap: £950: 3m

TOTE: Wirt: 24.40. Places: 21.80, 24.50, 23.20, £1.50, DF: 234.80, CSF: £47.45, Tricest: 2367.82, & Kindersley at Mewbury, 201, 234, Weigh Display (10-) 4th, Do Or Die (5-2 tay) 17 ran, PLACEPOT: 2867.35.

the ground was to his liking he would win over fences." she said.

It was a bad meeting for backers, with every favourite beaten, but women trainers fared well with three winners. Sarah Jennings, in her second season as a permit holder, won for the third time under to easily land the Tuthury Con-

Uttoxeter 12.45 NORBURY HURDLE (dv. novices: £599 2m 1f) TOTE: Wire 23.70, Places: 21.50, 21.70, 21.70, DF: 216.40, CSF: 287.34, J Edwards at Ross-on-Wys. 2% I, TI, Hayaktaze (10-11 fav) 4th, 18 ran, NFS Eriser's Bucs, Magjoy.

1.15 TUTBURY CHASE (hendicap: condition judicips: \$1,292-3m 2f) ARRICK SWADE by g by Bellykist Mistress Kelly (Miss G Jennings) 10 TOTE: Whr. \$18.00. Pieces: \$2.90, \$2.50, \$2. 1.45 DENSTONE HURDLE (selling: hancicape 2780: 2m 10 

the soft ground well to score by four lengths from Scottish Bar and Captain Shadow. STATE OF GONIGE Montage Sadgelisks, good as soft Huntingdon, good; Wesherby, good to soft Wincardon, good; Kernton, good; Market Rasse, good; Newton Abbot, Insery; Wolverhampton, Chases, good to Sintz hundles, Eckley at Ladiow. 101, 51, Satin Grange (7-4 Tay). Buy Now (25-1) 4th, 14 ram, NR: Rive Be Good. Bought in 1,500gns.

2.15 ELASTONE CHASE (5-y-0: no/ces: £1,283: 2m4f) TOTE Wire \$10.40. Places \$1.90, \$1200, \$10.70. OP \$18.50. CSF. \$40.57. Mrs. J Phylan, at Lambours, \$1,4.7 The Webber (11-10 lavy 4th, 12 raw, NR: Hassal Ruel. 2.45 FARLEY CHASE (HANGER): \$1,460: 2m 10

TOTE: Wir. £4.400. Proces: £2.70, £2.70, £7.70. DF; £25.50. GSF: £51.67. Tricast: £500.68, Mrs M Rimet, at Severn Stoke. 4l, hd. Wood Aven (5-2 tev) 4th, 11 tan. 8.15 NORBLEY HURDLE (Div & novices: 0590

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J M Stronge(20-1) 3 

TOTE: Wire \$5.00, Places: 22.00, 22.70, 25.10, DF: 59.00 CSF: 572.09, J Fargerald, at Weston: 25.4, 39, Ladyerose F-22 49, Principle GF-Fe GI-Flevi, 20 ren. PLACEPOT: DSSL06 to 500 cettles.

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## Applying for stay is not disputing jurisdiction

Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord

[Judgment delivered December 20] The Court of Appeal held that an application by a defendant for a stay of proceedings, where there could be no question of his disputing the jurisdiction of the court, was not an application under Order 12, rule 8(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court; and that, in any event, by making an application for an order striking out part of the claim indorsed on the writ the defendant had voluntarily submitted to the jurisdiction and could not thereafter dispute the jurisdiction of the court The court allowed a cross appeal by plaintiffs from an order granting the defendant an extension of time within which to lodge a further acknowledgment of service so as to acknowledgment of service so as to prevent the plaintiffs entering judgment in default, following the dismissal of his applications (i) for a stay of the proceedings, on the basis

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that there was another clearly more appropriate forum, and (i) to strike out a paragraph of the claim indorsed on the writ and pending an the former. The appeal on the former. The application for the extension of time had been made on the basis that the application for a stay of the proceedings was an application under Order 12, rule 8(1).

Mr Steven Gee for Astro: Mr Hsu did not appear and was not

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, giving the judgment of the court said that the application for a stay of proceedings was not an application under Order 12, rule

grounds specified in that rule, sought relief in which he disputed the jurisdiction of the court could There was no question of the defendant disputing the jurisdiction of the court. As he had been served personally with the writ in this country, it was difficult to see on what ground he could possibly do

The effect of a stay, if granted, would not have been to set aside the proceedings; it would have been samply to stop the plaintiffs from pursuing that action any further at that time. Accordingly, as the defendant had lodged an acknowledgment of service and had not thereafter made any application under Order 12 rule 2(1) bic under Order 12, rule 8(1), his acknowledgment of service was, by virtue of rule 8(7), treated as a submission to the jurisdiction of the

Further, by applying for an order striking out a paragraph of the claim indorsed on the writ the defendant had voluntarily submitted to the jurisdiction of the court. In those circumstances, it was in any event thereafter to dispute the jurisdiction of the court. The procedure which fell within Order 12, rule 8(1) could not be open to a litigant who had already submitted to the jurisdic-

# Only where a party, on one of the

# Settled tax appeal cannot be reopened

Olin Energy Systems Ltd Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord ustice Fox and Lord Justice Kerr [Judgment delivered December 19]

Where an appeal against assessment to income or corporation tax had been settled by agreement under section 510 of the Income Tax Act 1952 (now section 54 of the Taxes Management Act 1970), any claim clearly raised by implication by the taxpayer in that appeal was de to be settled between the inland Revenue and the taxpayer and could not subsequently be reopened, provided an inspector of taxes of average experience considering the information before him in the ordinary course of his duties would eciated that the claim was

the Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Kerr dissenting, allowing an appeal by Olin Energy Systems Ltd from a decision of Mr Justice Walton (The Times, August 15, 1982) who on July 30, 1982, bad allowed an appeal by Mr Kenoeth Scorer, Inspector of Taxes, against adetermination of the Special Commissioners that the taxpayer could not be assessed to corporation tax in respect of a period for which it had previously been agreed between the taxpayer and an inspector that its liability was nil.

Mr Graham Aaronson, QC for the taxpayer, Mr Donald Potter, QC and Mr Robert Carnwath for the

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the taxpayer's business had operated in two divisions. Interest on a loan which ought to have been attributed to one of the divisions, which had ceased to trade before the beginning of the relevant period, was dealt with by the company, with the approval of its auditors by charging it against the aggregate trading result of the two divisions.

On that basis, the taxpayer's liability to corporation tax is the limbility to corporation tax is the relevant period was reduced to nil. an inspector in agreeing a an appeal against an assessment.

It was now clear that the inspector had erred in law in

accepting that basis of calculation, and the new inspector had sought to make a fresh assessment in respect of that period. Below. Mr Justice Walton had held that it was open to

the inspector so to do. It was wrong to presume, as had been suggested by Lord Justice Sachs in Banning v Wright [(1970) 48 TC 42], 441-2], that a taxpayer had raised in support of his appeal all the points which were reasonably open and arguable, even though he had not referred expressly to them.

the numose of section 510(1) of the state in terms what he was claiming provided that that claim was clearly mplied and that the inspector must have directed his mind to that claim. The commissioners' determination had been correct and his Lordship would accordingly allow

the appeal.
LORD JUSTICE FOX said that it was clear from the authorities that section 510(1) would protect a taxpayer from an assessment to tax where the point in dispute on the second occasion had been the subject-matter of an agreement between the taxpayer and the aspector under section 510 on an earlier appeal.

Thus it was not open to the Revenue, even upon discovering some error of law or fact or some further information, to relitizate the very point that had been agreed between the parties. It was common practice on an

appeal against an assessment for the grounds to be stated very widely, and the failure to raise a particular point on the notice of appeal was not conclusive that that point had not been settled by the ensuing

The real question was not the contents of the notice but the nature of the agreement. Moreover, it was not necessary that the point of law in issue should have been formulated in the correspondence which comprised the agreement. It mattered not why a particular agree-ment had been concluded but

Solicitors: Holman, Fenwick & Willan.

mation to the inspector, the situation would have been different. but that problem did not arise in It had been argued that the administrative burdens on inspec-tors were such that section 510(1) ought not to be construed so as a for facts in previous papers before

If the taxpayer, albeit honestly, had provided misleading infor-

he could safely conclude an agreement That section had been enacted to protect taxpayers, and the courts should be cautious about limiting its operation in the interests of

administrative convenience. in his Lordship's judgment the point now in issue had been the subject of the previous agreement and could not now be reopened. He would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE KERR, dissenting, said that on an appeal against an assessment, statute had placed on the taxpayer the burden of displacing the assessment Moreover, he was required to lodge a notice setting out the grounds of appeal. Section 510 had to be onstrued in that context.

Unless the taxpayer could show

that a specified ground of appeal had been raised so as to create an issue on the correctness of the assessment and had been disposed of by agreement either expressly or impliedly, he could not rely on the protection afforded by section In his Lordship's judgment, the

true point in issue in this case had not been raised either express impliedly in the first appeal, and he would dismiss the appeal.
Solicitors: Linklakers & Paines: Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

#### Correction

In R v Corfield (The Times December 17) it should be made clear that the material irregularity on the basis of which the appeal was allowed was the late stage at which the additional count was added. The

## Hours of retained fireman depend on time on call

THE TIMES FRIDAY DECEMBER 23 1983

Suffolk County Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another Before Mr Justice Woolf [Judgment delivered December 20]

The contractual minimum hours of employment of a part-time fireman were to be determined for the purpose of the Local Government Superannuation Regulations (\$1.1974 Me 570). (SI 1974 No 520) by reference to the number of hours during which he was required to be on call, not the hours he spent attending at the fire station or at a fire. Contingent rights to benefits and pension in the event of injury did not constitute a superannuation scheme for the purpose of the 1974 Regulations, and accordingly the existence of such rights under the firemen's pension scheme did not disentitle a part-time fireman for benefiting under the 1974 Regulations.

Mr Justice Woolf so held in the Queen's Bench Division on dismis-sing an application by Suffolk County Council for an order to reverse a determination of the secretary of state who on June 23, 1980, had determined that Mr E. G. N. Alcock, a part-time retained fireman was entitled to superannuation under the 1974

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Colin Smith for the council, Mr Andrew Collins for the secretary of state; Mr Anthony Dinkin for the

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that for the fireman to benefit under the 1974 Rgulations it had to be shown that his contractual minimum hours of employment regularly or usually amounted to 30 hours or more in

In Bullock v Merseyside Metro-In Bullock v Merseyside Metro-politan County Council (1979) 77 LGR 333), the Court of Appeal had held that in considering whether a part-time retained fireman's em-ployment was governed by a contract involving his working usually for more than 21 hours a week, for the purposes of the

#### Power to vary licence terms on renewal bid

Manchester City Council

A licensing authority had power under section 108(2) of the Greater Manchester Act 1981 (which was in the same terms as the general power now contained in paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 1 to the Local Govern-ment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982) upon an application for the renewal of a public entertainment licence, to vary the terms of that licence and was not bound either to grant renewal in the original terms or to refuse renewal together. Mr Justice Woolf so held in the

Queen's Beach Division on December 20, allowing an appeal from the Greater Manchester Stipendiary Greater Manchester Stipendiary Magistrate who on January 6 had

Contracts of Employment Act 1972, account should be taken of the hours when he was on call, and not merely the time he usually spent at the fire station or fighting fires. In his Lordship's judgment it was very important in the employment field for the courts to adopt a consistent approach and it would not be right to distinguish Bullock's case merely because it was concerned with a different statute. Accordingly the fireman's mini-Accordingly the fireman's mini-mum hours of work did usually exceed 30, and the secretary of state had been correct in so holding. A person otherwise eligible for superannuation under the 1974

Regulations could not become pensionable thereunder if he was entitled to participate in the benefits of any other statutory superannu ation scheme.

The Firemen's Pension Scheme

Order (SI 1973 No 966) provided a superannuation scheme for full-time, regular firemen, and also injury benefits and pension for partime firemen. At best that gave a part-time fireman contingent rights arising in the event of injury to him and it would be quite wrong to regard those very limited rights as amounting to a superannuation scheme for the purpose of the 1974

If that were not the case, the controller of the brigade would not be entitled to a pension either under the 1973 Order or the 1974 Regulations, and it was difficult to understand why the Schedule to the 1974 Regulations should refer to a fire authority if none of its employees were entitled to benefit

Moreover, the terms of the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations (SI 1982 No 1514) were inexplicable unless the draughtsman had thought that part-time firemen were entitled

Solicitors: Sharpe, Pritchard & Co Treasury Solicitor: Gulland &

#### Use of land includes building on it

North Warwickshire Borough Council v Secretary of State for the Environment la section 22(2)(e) of the Town

and Country Planning Act 1971, land had the meaning ascribed to it by section 290 of that Act, and therefore included buildings. Accordingly the use of buildings for an activalization agricultural purpose was not development for the purpose of the Act and did not require planning permission, even if that use was not in any way dependent upon the lanwhich the buildings stood Mr Justice Woolf so held in the

Queen's Bench Division on Decem-ber 21, allowing an appeal by the North Warwickshire District Coun-cil and a cross-appeal by Mr Amrik Singh Gill against a decision of an whether it had.

Section 510 had been passed to protect taxpayers by producing finality, and Parliament must have contemplated that a taxpayer would should not have been contemplated to renew.

The additional count was added. The

### Motoring by Clifford Webb

# Opel closing the quality gap

The American Big Two, General Motors and Ford, have been trying for years to produce large luxury saloons offering real competition for Mercedes. They have some way to go before achieving that target but the Opel Senator 3-litre, petrol injected CD Saloon does have a number of Mercedes-like qual-ities which show that the gap is at last closing. It also explains why Mercedes are looking to more advanced technology in their next generation cars to maintain their leadership.

Driving the Senator is very imilar to driving a Mercedes The driver's position is upright giving a sense of control mis in more reclined positions. The seats are firm without being unduly hard, and there is a Mercedes-like large steering wheel despite excellent power ssistance, and the brakes light and powerful in operation.

But the most impressive thing about the big Opel is its quietness. It really is one of the quietest cars I have driven for a long time. Even under fierce acceleration the noise level inside the car is surprisingly low. It was the one aspect most frequently commented on by passengers and for my money is what separates the Senator from a number of other mass-produced quality cars such as Ford Granada Ghias.

The ride is pleasant, roadholding good and there is plenty of power from the big six-cylinder engine now fitted with Bosch L-Jetronic fuel injection. Where it does fall down, however, is with the outdated fuel wasting GM three-speed automatic trans-

I failed to make 20mpg over some 500 miles of mixed town and motorway travel. That might have been acceptable a few years ago but we are now in the age of four-speed automatics with long-legged top gears featuring "lock-up devices" to reduce torque converter losses.

That aside the £14,000 Senator makes excellent transport for the senior executives who cannot squeeze the extra few thousand pounds out of his keen to be seen driving Jaguar's cheapest model, the XJ6 3.4 at

There is apparently more status to be gained in driving the top model of one range rather than the bottom of a rival's line-up. What a pity, therefore, that

the Senator and its equally impressive half brother, the Opel Monza coupé, are made entirely in Germany and not assembled in Britain like other Opel models which then become Vauxhall Cavaliers and Astras: Both GM and Ford gave up manufacturing big saloons here some years ago ostensibly because the numbers sold in in truth, it was because of the very efficient Recaro type



The Opel Senator 3 OE CD saloon: a quiet ride.

British quality at that time was markedly inferior. The gap is closing but having made a politically dangerous switch without too much comeback from British unions, I fear it economic balance of assembly away from Germany before the

Vital statistics: Opel Senator 3. OE CD

Price: £13,994 Engine: 2989cc 6-cylinder Performance: Maximum speed 127.4 mph, 0-62 mph 11 secs.

Official consumption: Urban 19.3 mpg, 56 mph 31 mpg and 75 mph 24.5 mpg. Length: 15.8ft. Insurance: Group 7.

#### **Peugeot Express**

The Peugeot 505 is a wellengineered, competent, two-litre saloon which does everything adequately but nothing with verve. Its styling is so unexciting that it gets lost in an even marginally busy city street. Yet I still rate it highly in the

five-seater family saloon sector. Its very conservatism, so typical of Peugeot's approach, is itself attractive at a time when too many car makers are doing extravagant things to their latest models to enable them to claim that they are the fastest, slickest board for a Mercedes and is not and least thirsty cars on the Now the big French group is

attempting to give the 505 a touch of excitement with a new GTI version featuring a 2.2 litre engine compared with the basic two-litre, stiffer suspension, wide low-profile tyres and very full equipment.

This includes all-round electric windows, electric sun roof, alloy wheels and plush up-holstery. Peugeot claim it is the most complete specification in its class, but that could be

A limited slip differential is standard and for the first time on a Peugeot the well-regarded Bosch L-Jetronic fuel injection ing assembly lines with their is used. A five-speed gearbox is successful standard and the front seats are passing 100,000 sales for the

able for height.

On the road the GTI is noticeably harsher in its ride qualities and standard 505s but is still thankfully not in the same skateboard class as some GTIs I found it a nice compromise between the extremes of the excessively sloppy suspension beloved by some French manufacturers and the bone-hard setups demanded by the tyre squeeling brigade.

It does, however, fall down on the choice of gear ratios. First and second gear are useful traffic crawlers but the gap between second and third is too large. Unless you scream its head off in second, the change to third produces a noticeable fall in revs and power. At the risk of boring regualar readers, I must again add my weight to the growing number of motor-ists demanding closer ratio gearboxes for so-called perform-

The 505 GTI costs £9,595, has a top speed of 112mph and a 0-60mph time of 10 seconds. Petrol consumption should be between 25 and 30 mpg for most reasonable drivers.

#### Mini Beetle Races

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Mini Beetles which the little Cornish firm of strikes Racing will manufacture in 1984 will probably end up knocking paint off parked Rolls Royces and Cadillacs as the children of Middle East oil rich potentales stage their own car races around the Palace grounds.

That is not to say some of the expensive "toys" will not grace British homes but as they cannot be legally driven on public roads it will only be those with fairly extensive estates. Three versions are available, all powered by a 5-hp petrol engine equipped with automatic transmission and capable of 20 mph. Prices range from £1.750 to £2.125 and are only obtainable from Volkswagen dealers and Hamleys of London.

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(6.55), morning papers (7.18 and 8.18). 9.30 The New Adventure of Flash Gordon: cartoon version of the cartoon strip; 9.50 Battle of the Planets: more cartoon ntures from the US: 10.15 Tom and Jerry: Two cartoons; 10.30 Play School: W Opgenoorth's story Hocus Pocus; 70.55 may reconstituted in the process of th

them is The Twelve Days of Christmas; 12.05 Look Back with Noakes: A flight with the aerobatic display team, the aerobatic dis Red Arrows. Red Arrows. 2.30 News After Noon; 12.57 Financial Report and news,

with sub-titles. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: A starstudded edition. With comedian Michael Barrymore, William Rushton, Cilla Black, the tunny man Don Maclean and an American preacher and trapeze artist called Steenburgen: 1.50 Little Misses and Mister Men.

Film: Welcome Stranger (1947") Substitute country doctors for town priests and you have a re-run of Going my Way or The Bells of St Mary's. Bing Croeby and Barry Fitzgerald go through the familiar motions.

3.55 play School: It's Friday; 4.20 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky: cartoon serial; 4.25 Jacksnory: Jan Francis with more pages from Barrie's Peter Pan; 4.40 Take Hart; all about rotation, With Tony Hart; 5.00 Crackerjack: with special guests The Great soprendo, Chas and Dave 1470 may 5.40 Stdy Minutes, includes a preview of the famous Christmas Eve carol service in

King's College chapel, 6.40 BBC Television's Carol Competition 1983: The six finalists out of the 2,000 entries from schools all over Britain will perform their

Ainister in Nottinghamshire. -7.15 Film: Across the Great Divide (1977) Ai fresco adventure PORENTON :varn. A story about two orphans stranded in the American wilderness in 1876. They decide to cross the Rocky Mountains to claim a plot of virgin land. With Robert Logan, Heather Rattray and Mark Edward Hall:

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3.15 The Princess and the People:
This compilation os seguenter than the Princess. New Zealand, Canada, and r visits to various parts of the United Kingdom, shows how she has won the hearts of

people everywhere. 10.05 Film: The Dirty Dozen (1967) Bloody, action-filled story of the knocking into shape of ve prisioners who are sent on a suicide mission of vital strategic importance behind enemy lines during the Second World War. Strong cast includes Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine, Charles Bronson. Robert Ryan, John 12.30 Weather forcast. Cassavetes and Telly Savalas.

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6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. The Friday "specials" include Pan Buying with the Stars (7.35), Fantasy Time (8.05), Weekend Television (3.35), Open Dors with Diana Dors (8.40) and The Cooking Cleric (8.50). Regular features include news at 6.28, 6.58, 7.28, 7.58, 8.28 and 8.58. Roland's Winter Wonderland.

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9.25 Thames news headlines. Followed by: Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: On the Right Track (1981) Comedy, with a tear drop or two, about an orphan boy (Gary Coleman) whose simple life (he lives in a raih station) is transformed by his gift for picking racetrack

12.00 Freetime Cruise: Pupils from Highworth School, Wiltshire, rish Amsterdam and Gibraltar. 12.30 'Holy Chaos': The title is the Dean of St Albans's way of

describing what usually happens at the Christmas Eve carol service for children, held at his cathedral. 1.00 News at One; 1.20 Tharnes area news; 1.30 Cartoo

1.40 Film; Paint Your Wagon (1969) Hide, wide and mostly handsome musical drama about the California Gold Rush, based on the stage musical by Lerner and Loewe (songs include Wandering Stat and I Talk to the Trees), Les Marvin and Clint Eastwood are the two gold prospectors in love with the same girl (Jean Seberg). Director: Joshua Logan.

4.30 in Search of Father Christmas: A fact-finding journey to the far north of eden by an 11-year-old Birmingham schoolboy and a Swedish folklore expert. The music is by Jugg.

5.15 Pop Goes Christmas: Pop music hits, all with a festive slant, performed by David Essex, Toyah, Musical Youth, Mari Wilson, Dexy's Midnight Runners, Shakin' Stevens and

5.45 News; 6.00 Thames Weekend 6.15 Police 5: with Shaw Taylor. 5.30 Benson: The butter's

Christmas problem is the cook with pressing family problems. 7.00 Christmas Family Fortunes: TV-am's John Stapleton, Nick Owen, Anne Diamond Wincey Willis and Mad Lizzie versus agony aunts Marjorie Proops, Katie Boyle, Deirdre Sanders, Virginia Ironside, and Claire Rayner. With Max Bygraves.

7.45 That's My Boy. Turkey trouble in the family at Christmas. With 8.15 Pride of Our Alley: Alan Prizer's stylised account of the life of Gracie Fields. Polly Hemingway plays Our Gracie, with Barry Jackson as Archie Pitt Inusband No 1), Michael Angelis as Monty Banks (husband No 2) and George Prayda (as husband No 3).

(See Choice). 9.45 News from ITN. 10.00 Baryshnikov - The Dancer and the Dance. A South Bank Show special, presented by Melvyn Bragg. It is an account of the file, and work, of the great ballet dancer, made in New York, where he now lives.

(See Choice). 11.30 The Two of Us: Scant Christmas cheer in the Gallagher household when Brentwood (Peter Cook) is suspected of burglary. Followed by: - A Different Christmas: with the Rev Gordon Barritt, principal of the National Children's Home, and Mackle, one of the children in



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3.55 Film: The Grass is Greene

(1960) Comedy about British blue-bloods (Cary Grant and

an American millionaire

5.40 A Waltons Special: Mother's Day on Walton's Mountain.

dreams for the future.

Deborah Kerr) into whose lives

(Robert Mitchum) erupts. Jean Simmons elso co-stars in this curiously flat film version of

the Hugh and Margaret Williams stage play, Directed by Stanley Donen in one of his

Sentimental tale about country

season. A honeymoon accident shatters Mary Ellen's

Championship Darts Special: The final of the 1983 Embassy

World Professional Championship in which "unknown" Keith Daller took

on the world champion Eric

8.20 Globel Report: The Tin Trap. Sarah Hodson watches Bollvian tin miner Higon Cussi Guzman mining ore in the Andes, then follows the story

through the trading on the London Metal Exchange and

on to the manufacturing progress as a vital component

of tin cans and computers.

tested and the "guinea pig" that is selected for the

experiment is an ox, one of the

more unusual casualties of the

Concert: Earlier this year, the due that was so popular in the

Sixties performed together for

the first time in 10 years at the

(1931") Marx Brothers comedy (Zeppo joins Groucho, Chico

and Harpo, but there is no Margaret Dumonti in which the brothers play ocean lines

stowaways who become

involved with rival gangs of

rest of the Marx canon, but

crooks and a kidnapping. Far less good-natured than the

with many moments of zestful

anarchy to savour. Directed by Norman Z Macleod. The first

in a Christmas season of six Marx Brothers films which will

nclude Duck Soup and A Not

Test special. A selection of highlights from the last series of Whistle Test featuring some

entertainers of the day, including The Surythmics, Japan, Spandau Ballet, Aztec Camera, Neil Young, Bow

Wow Wow, David Bowie, Bauhaus, Joni Mitchell.

Captain Beefheart, Grace Jones and many more.
Presented by Mark Ellen and

David Hepworth. Ends at

in Casablanca.

11.50 Pick of the Year: A Whistle

of the best bands and

11.45 News.

Royal Ablert Hall, This is a

BBC TV recording of that

8.50 M"A"S"H: A new drug is to be

9.15 The Everly Brothers Reunion

Korean war.

concert.

tolk, nice for the Christmas

BBC 2

5.35 News Summery.

PRIDE OF OUR ALLEY (ITV, 8.15pm) is the Gracle Fields story. Or rather, scrapbook. Or rather, musical, All three, in fact, in its own musicat. All brief, in fact, in its own modest way, Alan Plater's screenplay is a minor miracle of compression because. blographically, in less than 90 minutes, it says practically all there is to say about the milight's process from respective scholder. progress from poverty in Rochdele to riches in Capri. At the ditty level, too, there appear to be very few serious gaps, initially, one's spirits stump as it becomes clear that the format that has been chosen is the tomat that has been chosen is the one they resort to when all other ideas fail: the interview that breaks up into flashbacks. But, in Pride of Our Alley, the desperate remedy proves to have a tonic affect because, like many mini-musicals with maxi-themes (Oh What a Lovely War, etc.), the sketches are

CHANNEL 4

5.00 The Munsters: American horror film spoof, cleverly set

magazine. In tonight's edition, which comes from the United States, Jools Holland and Leslie Ash explore New York's

clubland. There is also the

latest news on the video

assette front, and more itemative chart music.

Channel Four News, Foli

7.30 Right to Repty: Channel 4 viewers' weekly chance to put

8.00 The Amateur Naturalist; The final film in the series starring

the channel's programme-makers and decision-makers on the spot. In the chair: Gus

Gerald and Lee Durrell. Tonight, they explore two of

the nchest terrains on earth

tropical reef. We learn about the survival strategies of several Central American species of wildlife, and about

the different camcuflage techniques adopted by fishes.

Edwards's comedy stars Pete Sellers as an accident-prone

doctor he played in The Millionairess) who is invited to

a smart Hollywood party and causes chaos on a massive

scale. Inevitably, one thinks of Tati's films. But there really is

little comparison because the fun in Mr Edwards's comedy is

much broader, and the joke soon begins to wear thin. With Marge Champion and

famous faces warmly - welcomes the comedy actor

Claudine Longet.

10.25 An Audience with Kenneth Williams: An audience of

February. It is with

Indian actor (presumably a

near-relation of the Indian

8.30 Film: The Party (1968) Blake

the tropical rainforest and the

by weather.

in American suburbia.

5.30 The Tube: Pop music

#### CHOICE

stylised, the chapters from Gracie's stylised, the chapters from Gracie's life unfolding on the stage adjoining the dressing-room where the bett-and-braces interview (the reportar uses both note-book and tape-recorder) takes place. Physically, Polly Hemingway resembles Our Gracie more than somewhat, and the make-up department has made up the deficiency. She sings well anough, but the vocal impersonation is never more than an approximate one. Half a Gracie wice is no voice at all. The

voice is no voice at all. The phenomenal sound was the phenomenal woman, and the real singing voice of Gracie ought to have been used, as Jolson's was in the Larry Parks film. But when it comes to impersonating the non-singing side of the Lassie from

Lancashire, Miss Hemingway triumphantly carries all before her.

 BARYSHNIKOV - THE DANCER AND THE DANCE (ITV, 10.00pm) is a scoop for the South Bank Show; it is the first item the Kirov defector, who now runs the American Ballet who now runs the American Ballet Theatra, has opened up both his art and his heart for television, in going public, the private person discloses a personality that is a zephyr to Nureyev's cyclone. It is when he lets his feet speak for him, as he does in rehearsal for, and during a performance of, Choo San Goh's new halfet Configurations that performance of, Choo San Gon's new ballet Configurations, that Baryshnikov becomes truly eloquent. In dance sequences suc as those from Le Corsair, there is illustrated proof of Antoinette Sibley's verdict on the astonishing Russian: "he uses the air as most of us use the earth."

10.00 The World Tonight: News.

4.00 No . we: .hest After Four, Music

Willows' by Kenneth Grahame (2). Read by Bernard Cribbins. In today's instalment, we meet Mr Toad, whose passion for the

who, with customary panache recalls moments from his many years in show busines Another in this "audience ith" series can be seen next director/actor/writer Mel

1.55 Rockers Roadshow: Black music show window. The show comes from Ben Him School. Coventry: On stage are Shaper 7, the vocal harmony trio Glasshouse, and 12.40.



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Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Ferming Today 6.25 Shipping. 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 6.30 News 4.45 Prayer 6.55, 7.55 Wasther 7.00, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.50 Your Letters 8.57 Weather; Travel.

Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine, Ro Clint Walker, Telly Savales, Charles Bronson, Robert Webber, George Kennedy, Richard Jaeckel, Trini Lopez, Ralph Meeker, Donald Sutherland, 1.00 Scottish news aummary. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00 pm Northern Ireland

Wales, 5.53 (Part of Soxty Minutes)
Wales Today, 12.30 am Naws of Wales
Heedines, Scotland: 12.55-1.00 pm
Scotlish News, 5.53 (Part of Soxty
-Minutes) Scotland: Soxty Minutes, 10.0510.35 Double Bill with Bill McCue and Bill Torrance (last of series), 10.25-1.00 am Film: The Dirty Dozen (1987) starring

7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

2.00 News.
2.05 Desert Island Discs: Actor
James Stawart.(r)
3.46 Feodback Your views and
comments about BBC tv and
radio put to producers and

of Anne Suter's A Tale of Two Princesses. The reader is Margaret Coursenay. News: Sybil or 'The Two Nations' by Benjamin Disraes'

Man in space t 4.40 Story Time: The Wind in the

1 cac, whose passion for the carvan soon gives way to his ectasy over the motor car.

5.00 PM: News Magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Programme News.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial

news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.33 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scene around Six. 12.39 am Northern Ireland news. England: 5.53 pm (Part of Stdy Mirutes, 12.35 em Close.

10.00 News; International Assignment, BBC correspondents review a

Contamporary Issue.

Morning Story: "A Minor Incident" by Nick Yapp. Read by Garard Green.

Daily Service.†

News; Travel; A Small Ray of Genius. A portrait of Harmah More hy Richard Mulien.

Genius. A portrait of Hannah More by Richard Mulian. 11.48 Natural Selection. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Music: A seasonal adition of the musical quiz 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archert 1.55 Shipping. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Birmingham: How se-fils replacing Religious Instruction in Midlands Schools and part two of Anne Sutter's A Tale of Two

Half recording pioneers.
4.10 The Spirit of Kitry Kawic The story of some of the people who have made aviation history (6).

Report.
6.30 Going Places, The world of travel and transport.

BBC 1 Wales: 12.57-1.00 pm News of Wales: 3.53-3.55 News of

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.00-12.39 pm Freetime Cruise Special. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 8.00 Channel Report. 5.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 What's On Where. 11.30 Flying Pickets. 12.15 am Closedown.

BORDER As London except 1.20pm-1.30 News, 6.00 Lookaround, 6.15-7.00 Christmas Starts Here, 11.30 News, Closedown.

7.20 Pick of the Week: Programme highlights with Margaret Howard.!
8.10 Profile. A personal portrait.
8.30 Any Questions? from Glassonbury, Somerset with Frances Morrell, Jaffrey Ancher, Clare Francis and Alun Richards.

Clare Francis and Alun Richards.
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair
Cooke.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. A special edition
devoted to the lite and work of
Irving Berlin. It is presented by
Sheridan Morley, and we hear
the voices of Alan Jay Lerner,
Andrew Lloyd Webber, Ethel
Merman, Jerome Robbins.
Steve Ross and Brian Rust. 9.59
Weather.

10.35 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news.1

11.00 A Book at Bedtime. 'Ask Mamme' by R. S. Surtees (last of 15 paris). The reader is John Franklyn-Bobbins (the next Book at Bedtime, Conan Doyle's The Poison Beet, begins on Royles Divide Boxing Day).

11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Letter from Irish shore. 11.45 John Ebdon in the BBC Sound

17.45 John Ebdon in the BBC Sound Archives.
12.00 News 12.16 Weather 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast. ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather: Travel 1.55pm Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 11.00-12.00 Study on 4: 11.00 Digame! Suplemento 11.30 The Training Revolution.

Radio 3

Weather, 7.00 News.
 7.05 Morning Concert: part one.
 Morran (overture for a Masque),
 Mozart (Conc in E flat for two
 pianos, K 355, with Brandel and
 Imagen Cooper), Bridge
(Divertimento for Wind Quertet),1
8.00 News.

8.05 Naws. 8.05 Morning Concert: part two. major for violin and orchestra (Ronald Thomas, violin), Dowland's Go crystal teers, Handel's Concerno Grosso No

29 for double orchestra, and Grieg's Norwegian Dances, Op35.1 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer:

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast, 6.30-7.00 Friday Sportshow, 11.30 Sweeney. 12.30em Company, Closedown.

HTV As London except 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00 News, 6.30-7.06 So Whet's Your Problem, 11.30 Sweeney, 12.30am Carol for Christmas 12.35

HTV WALES AS HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Carry on Laughing.

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Pilm: Accounts. 11.55 Our Lives.
12.40am Closedown.

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GRANADA As London eccept: Starts 1.20 pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 5.00 Granada Reports. News. 6.05-7.00 Weekend. 11.30 Newhart. 12.00 Film: Gunshoe (Albert Finney). 1.30 em Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 120pm-1-20 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 8.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Pop Goes Christmas. 11-30 Late Cell. 11-35 Cerry On Laughing; Christmas Classica. 12.05am Paramount Short. 12.35

TYNE TEES As London except 10.25-12.00 Films Attack on the Iron Coast (Liby) Bridges 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookeround. 6.00 Northern Life. 8.20-7.00 Christmas Weekend Lift-off. 11.30 Newhart. 12.00 Three's Company, Classdown. read by Jill Balcon, Hugh
Duckson and Gary Watson. †
10.20 Islan Harpsichord Music
played by Mehyyn Tan. Works by
Rossi, Pasquini and Scerlatti. †
11.00 The Complete Webern: Includes
Five Movements, Op 5 (version
for string orchestra), and Johann
Streuss art Webern: Treasure
Watz (The Gypsy Baron). †
11.35 News. Until 11.38.

Radio 2

Stravinsky. The Sonsta for two planos (Jacobs/Oppens), Three Pieces (he two separate works). Duo Concentant (with Periman, violin), The Owl and the Pussycat (Adrienne Albert, soprano), Wolf, art Stravinsky (Two Sacred Songs: with Ann

Schumann and Brahms: Norman

Fisher, piano, plays Schumann's Papilions and Brahms's Phantasien, Op 116, †

16.45 Uister Orchestra: Spohr's overture Faust, Wagner's Slegfried Idyll, and Haydn's Symphony No 99. 1

11.40 Felicity Lott racital by the soprane, with Graham Johnson at the piano. Songs by Mahler (netucing loh atmer ene indi Dutt), Hahrt, and Poulenc Children and Indiana and Indiana Children Indiana Indiana Children Indiana Indi

(Metamorphoses etc.) †
12.15 Midday Concert BBC Scottish
SO, Part one. Humperdinck's
overture Hansel and Gretal and

first DK performance of Bjor Hallman's Snow White. With Mary Marquis (narrator). †

1.05 So: Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the

BBC.

1.20 Midday Concert: part two. Quilher's A Children's Overture, Bitze's Jeux of entants, Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, and Lehar's Gold and Sälver Waltz. 1

2.90 The Felson Trio: Butterworth's The Night Wind, Joseph Marx's Three Songs from Plertot Lunaire, 1909; Martinu's Sonatina for Clarinet and Plano, Vaughan Williams's Three Vocalises, and Arnold Cooke's Three Songs of Innocence. 1

2.55 Vierma Phiharmonic Orchestra: with Alexis Welssenberg (piung). Prokoflev's Plano Concerto No 3.1

3.25 Bach: Sonata in G minor for

1017, 1

such Scholar in Grimma for viola da gamba and harpsichord, BWV 1029, and Sonata in C minor for viola and harpsichord, BWV 1017.4

4.00 Choral Evensong, from York Minster, Organist: Peter Gould 4017.9

5.00 Orchestras on their Home Ground: Sibelius's Four Legends (Heisinki Radio SO), Nieksen's Pan and Syriux (Danish Radio SO), List's

Hungarian Rhapsody No 2 (Hungarian State Orch) and Bartok's Dence Subset (Phharmonic Hungarica). 1 6.30 Music for Two Guitars: with

5.30 Music for Two Guitarts: with Turibio Santos and Oscar Caceres. Works by Scarlatti. Cimarosa transc Caceres. Manuel Saumell transc Jesus Ortega. Debussy, and Castelnuovo-Tedesco.?

7.80 Cebin'd, Cribb'd, Confin'd: Craig Raine on William Golding, this year's Nobel prize-winner for literature. With contributions from, among others. Isn

from, among others, len McEwan and Sir Angus Wilson. Hohenems Schubertiads 1983:

7.45 Hohenems Schubertisch 1983: Arleen Auger (soprano), Francisco Araize (tenor) and Irwin Gage (plano) in a Schubert recital. †

recital. †
8.30 Vienna Delivered: Christopher
Dutty on the tricentenery of the
last slege of Vienna by the
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Turks. 1
8.50 Amold Bax Centenary: First performance of Sinfonietta, 1932 and first broadcast performances of Nympholept, 1912 and A Lagend for Orchestra, 1944. 1
8.55 On and Off Stage: Poema about plays, players and playhouses,

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00) Major bulletins 7.00am, 8.00, 1.00pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight. Headthes 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 (MF/MW) 5.00am Ray Mooret 7.30 Teny Wogard 10.00 Jammy Youngt 12.00 Music White You Work with the GUS Bandt 12.30 Glora Humitord's Dial-a-Carol 17at 580 4411 between 1.00pm and 1.30 2.02 Sports Desk 2.30 Ed Stewartt3.02 Sports Desk 4.00 David Hamiltont4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk 6.00 John Dunntinot 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF Gnly) 7.30 Male Voice Choir Competition. Twenty-four choirs from various parts of Britain compate to find the Radio Wales Male Voice Choir of the Yeart 8.15 Fnday Voice Choir of the Yeart 8.15 Friday Voice Choir of the Yeart 8.15 Fnday Night is Music Night direct from the Hippodrome, Golders Green, Londont 9.30 The Mike Sammes Singers'9.57 Sports Desk 10.00 It Sticks Out Half A Mile. A seaside saga starring John Le Mesuner, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00am Night Owis with Dave Gelly? 2.00-5.00 Bill Rennells presents You and the Night and the Music?

Radio 1

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ions, 11.35 Tom Jones At Knotts in News, Closedown.

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News. 6.00-7.00 Calandar and Sport.

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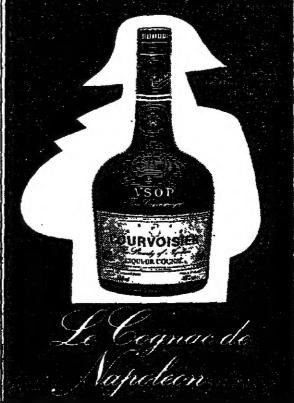
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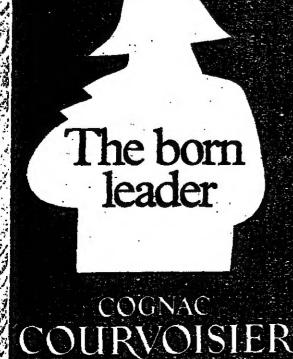
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# Lynch defies Surrey and remains with rebel team in South Africa

County Cricket Board with rustication if he should, Monte Lynch has decided to stay in whether Lynch's Surrey regis-South Africa and to bonour his tration was considered to date, commitment to the West Indian as it does now, from 1977 (in side now on an 11-week tour of which case he and one of the the Republic. The excutive other two could play in the committee of the TCCB announced last week that, if being reclassified, he would also yunch were to play in South

Early yesterday morning Surrey contacted Lynch in Pretoria and presented him with the party line. Soon afterwards they issued a statement which said that, while they disagreed with the TCCB's stance, they had told Lynch that it might, in the long run, be in his and their own best interests to heed the board's warning. Soon after midday Lynch rang back to say that he would be staying in South Africa.

Has he now burnt his boats so far as ever playing for England (his avowed ambition) is concerned? Will he, in fact, no longer be classified as an Englishman, which he is at the moment by reason of having lived in Walton on Thames since, as a boy, he came to

**Pakistan** change captain

Islamabad (Reuter) The Pakista-ni cricket authorities yesterday ruled that Imrau Khan, the captain, would take no part in the current series in Australia and said that Zaheer Abbas, vice-captain, would take over the captaincy for the remaining four Test matches.

Control for Cricket in Pakistan, aid in Lahore that the decision was sana in Langue that the decision was taken by the board's council yesterday in the light of latest medical reports about furan's fitness, the Associated Press of

Iman, who is suffering from a stress fracture of the left shin, was appointed last mouth to lead the team to Australia for the five-Test match series. He missed the first Test in Perth and said last week that he was not optimistic about being fit for the second Test match beginning in Reicheng ex Felder.

Nor Khan said Imran woo called home and he had been rised to get treatment in stralia. The BCCP would pay all his medical expenses. If Imran recovers before the end of the tour, he will play under Zaheer Abbas.

Though advised not to do so he stays with Surrey he will be West Indian side, there would one, or at the best two, available England places. This would depend upon

have to be re-registered. Africa, they would recommend to the full board, at their meeting on December 13, that his English qualification should be cancelled.

Early vesterday morning the form Test cricket for three the state of the state him from Test cricket for three years, as they did Gooch and the 14 other Englishmen who went to South Africa early last year. Even if they do that there must be a chance of their being sued for restraint of trade, with Lynch being supported by South African money. At the time of last year's ban there were those who considered that the TCCB would have been on a sticky wicket had they been taken to court.

Lynch and Surrey did seem to me to be wanting the best of both worlds in thinking that Lynch, because he is West Indian could play for a West Indian side, albeit an unrepresentative one, in South Africa without jeopardizing his English qualification. If Lamb and Christopher Smith were to play Should be be reclassified as for South Africa in their an "overseas" player, so long as forthcoming series with the



urgent need to send a replacement, but added that Sariraz Nawaz and a ber of other pace bowlers, as

The board was later criticized by seferal Pakistani cricket writers since Imran has not been fit enough to play on the tour.

by his county, Surrey, and competing with Sylvester be no question of their not threatened by the Test and Clarke and Geoff Howarth for forfeiting their eligibility for

From the point of view of th

black cricketers in South Africa I am delighted Lynch will be playing there. He could light a candle, perhaps even a bonfire, in the townships. The Surrey manager, Mickey Stewart, said last night that he was sorry Lynch had spoiled his chances of selection for England, at any expressed a wish that the case be kept out of the courts, a sentiment which will be shared by the TCCB who, whatever they decide, now have another regulation concerning players from overseas to tighten up.

• PRETORIA: Alvin Kallicharran scored a rapid 92 as the rebel West Indian team showed more of their true form on the final day of their three-day match against Northern Tran-svaal yesterday (Reuter re-ports). But the winning target of 272 proved too much and once the Guyanese left-hander had

settled for a draw. outplayed in every department over the first two days. But over the last two sessions they staged a respectable challenge. They had reached 183 for five when the match was called off SCORES: Northern Transvert 288 for 9 dec (W Morris 73, L. Bernard 60) and 136 for 5 dec; West Indian 21 153 (F Weldeman 4 for 35) and 183 for 5 (A Kellicharpan 32).

dismissed the tourists

From red to black in Gloucester

Gioncestershire made a profit of £21,000 in the year ending September 30. That, they say in their annual report, is a "miracle". Faced with a projected loss of more than £50,000 and subsequent insolvency, there was a dramatic turn in fortunes at the end of the

greatly increased contribution from the Test and County Board; the superb weather at Cheitenham, which lead to record gate receipts and last-minute sponsorship; sale of treasury stock; increased donations; and a prester surplus from the and a greater surplus from the Jessop Taverners Club. The club are still £65,000 in the red from

previous years.

Lancashire have recovered from their record loss of £115,000 in 1982 to make a profit of £15,000 on las season. Ground advertising at Old Trafford was up by £65,000 and there were substantial increases in

Cedric Rhoades; the Lancashin chairman said yesterday. "Everyone at the club has worked tremendously hard in fighting back after the 1982 disaster".

decision was taken, well before the games to test for drugs at future Olympic trials and at all TAC outdoor championships. The decision will be implemented and will be well publicized.

The panel also said confusion surrounding which drugs were illegal and whether certain drugs

Cram's course

RACING: DRY WEATHER CONTINUES TO DECIMATE FIELDS



Parting of the ways for John Burke and Paddys Belle in Piampton's November Hurdle

# Smith is sweet on Midnight Love

egend in his lifetime and a imphant advertisement for the toughness and vitality of the human spirit. Complaining about the drought that has hardened the gallops and made life so difficult for those "Ashley House is not 100 per cent sound after pulling a involved in racing the 73-yearold trainer said yesterday: "Its all so dull. We don't know what to do when we get up in the

However hopes are still growing that Everett is going to provide the grand old man of steeplechasing with an incred-ible eighth triumph in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday. "This is one of my few horses that doesn't mind the going," the trainer said. "He's been working really well and cannot be handicapped. Conceivably a fairy tale could yet come true." Everett is owned by by Kilian

Hennessy and was bred by the late Mrs Peggy Hennesy ex-pressly for the purpose of attempting to win the race sponsored by the family. Bregawn, the winner of the

Hennessy as well as the Cheltenham Gold Cup last season has been withdrawn year." occause of the going. Ashley. House and Marnik therefore become the only two possible runners for Michael Dickinson from the 17 that were declared

Fulke Walwyn remains a at yesterday's four-day stage of Gaye Chance. Approaching, send in his lifetime and a acceptors. who beat only seven rivals for immobant advertisement for However, the trainer who Josh Gifford in 1978, is a showed such boldness when announcing his plans for the future on Monday was in one of his indecisive moods when certain runner and is on offer at

In view of the doubts about the Dickinson pair, the odds against both Midnight Live and Everett appear likely to con-tract. Considering Walwyn's

cierkof the course at Haydock, announced contingency plans con-cerning the Edward Hanner Chase, He said: "Should we lose tomor-

row's racing them the Edward Hammer Chase will be carried forward to Thursday, making a seven-race card. The race will be the

first on the card, and will be timed at 12.30."

remarkable record in the big race, the 5-1 against Everett

must represent sound value.

Should either meeting be ! will be the first abandonment

Frost threatens meetings

Today's race meeting at Haydeck Park and Ladlow both depend on early-moraing, inspections. Heavy oversight froat is forecast at both courses. The Haydeck stowards will inspect at 7.15 and at Ludlow a decision will be made after a look at he course at 7.30. The cierk of the course at Ladio

Major John Moon, said yesterday "The local forecast is deplorable The overnight temperature invests to drop to mimes Centigrade and is not expected

muscle at Wincanton and Marnik's blood count is not normal I'm doing my best to keep everyone informed, but its only fair to say that there were similar doubts about Bregawn and Captain John before they finished first and second last

William Hills make Midnight Love their favourite at 9-2. They then go 5-1 Everett, 11-2 House and Marnik and 7-1 these things have a habit of leveling themselves out." Midnight Love has been made favourite on the strength of his defeat of Kudos at Newcastle. Handicaps experts consider the winner of five races two seasons ago to be the pick of the weights. Last season Midnight Love failed to win a

Denys Smith is hopeful of a good performance from his first runner in the Hennessy during his 28-year career as trainer.
"Basically Midnight Love was
too high in the handicap last season. He's to my liking now. To be sure he misses the odd fence out, but what horse Because of the underfoot

conditions Silver Buck is unable to attempt to record his fifth successive victory this after-noon's Edward Hanner Memorial Chase at Haydock. How-ever, Wayward Lad will make a 1981 Cheitenham Gold Cup winner. The jumping of last season's King George VI Chase winner was spectacular Wetherby in October

Frank Osgood, the clerk of the course at Newbury, reports that the going is firm. "There's a good covering of grass, but there has been no serious rain since There are only 21 runners in the remaining five races on the October 15. The people I'm sorry for are the trainers, as its Lanacshire course. John Blundell can land a double by winning the Bryn Hurdle with Abu Torkey and the County Handicap Chase with Magic impossibite get horses ready to race under these conditions. And if the rain comes suddenly, we'll probably by flooded, as

# Stone's appeal turned down

Keith Stone's appeal against the elegation of Permabos from first to second place in the Tem Masson Trophy Hule at Newbury on November 2 was dismissed by the Jockey Club's disciplinary commine yesterday.

The race was run in thick fog and almost led to a riot among disgruated punters with police and ring inspectors called to the weighing room. The Jockey Club rubbed salt into the Malton trainer's wounds by ordering his £130 deposit to be forfeited an act the trainer described as "eriminal".

deposit to be forminal.

Stone was also furious that at yesterdays hearing thecommittee relied on a different film of the race than the one he saw at Newbury on November 2. "It was a clearer version, although I would still have appealed," he said. "I'm very upset and disappointed."

The committee upheld the decision of the Newbury stewards to award the race to David Nicholson's Commaught River because of interference by Permsbos between the final two flights.

The disciplinary committee of the

the final two flights.

The disciplinary committe of the jockey Club also considered an appeal by David Wilson, the trainer of Gamblers Dream, against the decision of the Sandown Park stewards to impose a fine of £500 upon him in respect of the failure of this horse to run in the Santa Anita Sprint on Cataber 19. Having this horse to run in the Santa Antia Sprint on October 19. Having considered the evidence the com-mittee found that he failed to comply with the requirement of paragraph (D) of the special conditions which applied to the Anglo-American Jockeys event, and therefore dismissed the appeal

### Suspension for Perrett

Mark Perrett was suspended for three days for careless riding at Southwell yesterday after winning on Mr Jet. The ban starts on December 1. Perrett, who lost his whip two flights from home, brought Mr Jet, the 6-4 favourite, home a winner by a neck from Ascenmoor in the Willow Novices Hurdle. Riberion was four lengths further away in third. Protests came from riders of both the placed horses. The stewards sustained the objection to the winner lodged by Derek Shaw (Ascenmoor), who Derek Shaw (Ascentioor), who claimed Mr Jet had "bumped and claimed Mr Jet had "bumped 2nd bored" his mount after the last flight and on the run for home. Scobis Coogan (Riberion) then objected to the first two, protesting that they had jumped across his mount at the last and squeezed him out.

The stewards sustained Coogan's objection to the winner, but overled his complaint against Ascen-

more than able deputy for the ruled his complaint against Ascenmoor. Having sorted out the objections, the stewards awarded the race to Ascenmoor, placing Riberion second and Relagating Mr

They found that Mr Jet had accidentally interfered with Riberion, but considered the interference ed Ascenmoor Perrett's careless riding. Perrett had earlies won the Birch Novices Chase on the evens favourite, Just For The

STATE OF GOMG: Lindows from Haydoos

#### **TENNIS**

## A Briton at pains to win quickly

By a Special Correspondent When Linda Geeves, of Middlesex, who manages to play the game and commentate at the same time, and commentate at the same time, took the court against the Romanian, Florenta Mihai, in the first round of the Lawn Tennis Association satellite event at the Ace Tennis Centre, Coventry, yesterday it seemed that an eccentric match might ensue.

But Miss Mihai, who can cut so dark and tragic a figure, was in no mood to set worked up and Miss

mood to get worked up and Miss Geeves, who had not eaten all day, felt she could ill afford to expend what energy she had on any theatrical nonsense".

So, the match was one of the most silent on offer, Miss Geeves winning 6-4, 7-6, When 2-4 down in the second set tie-break, Miss Geeves told her father that she would have to pull out if the match went to three sets. She was suffering from stomach cramps and, as she stomeon cramps and, as she laughingly pointed out later, it had hardly helped when two spectators observed at the start that she was not looking too good. In desperation, however, Miss

In desperation, however, Miss Gerves took the next five points to win the tie-break 7-4 and secure one of her best results of the year. Her volleying was particularly impressive and her game unusually relaxed, something her father thought had much to do with the way she was feeling.

Lisa Pennington, a former winner of the British 18 and under hard court championship, defeated Lor-rayne Gracie, of Manchester, 2-6. rayne Gracie, of Manchester, 2-6, 6-1. Several times in the second set Miss Gracie came to the net on

PRIST ROUND: J Warrings (Neith) bt R Howelt fire), 6-1; 6-1; 1. Pennington bt L Gracie, 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; E Jones bt N Lusty, 6-3, 6-1; C Dentels (JUS) bt S Michelson (RV), 8-2, 2-6, 8-2; C Pullerton (US) bt B Borneo, 6-1, 6-2; L Geeves bt F Minst (Rom), 6-4, 7-6; I Casto (WG) bt E Walliam (NG), 6-2, 6-2; S Sullerer bt J Rick, 6-3, 7-8.

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Westierd v Sperta Prague

PROOTBALL COCHEBNATION: Bristol Rovers v Charlton (2.50); Lalcaster v Chalses (2.0); Milwell v Queen's Park Rangers (2.0).

## Doctors 'blundered' in US drugs walk-out

The report cited an example The report cited an example where one USOC doctor in Caracas was reported to have said that testing equipment might be able to detect benned drugs within a year of athletes beginning to use them. The commission quotes Professor Manfred Donille, of West Germany, who set up the testing laborators at who set up the testing laboratory at Caracas, as dismissing that advice as "nonsense" and "more than an

traggeration."
The American weightlifter, Jeff

the Olympic movement."

The statement, drafted by Ed Moses of the United States, the world 400 metres hardles world champion and world record-holder, at a meeting of the eight-member commission here, said: "We feel that the majority of today's competitors would like to be able to harvest the fruits of their dedicated efforts and compete without madue political influence or stress."

Michels, was among 16 competitors from 10 countries who were disualified and stripped of their medals at the games after tests showed they had used illegal drugs, primarily anabolic steroids. All told, 14 American team members left

Caracas abruptly, fanning suspicion that more might have been using drugs to boost their performances.

The TAC commission said a

A five-member commission was appointed by The Athletics Con-gress (TAC), the governing body of athletics in the United States, to athletics in the United States, to investigate circumstances surrounding the walk-out. Their report, released yesterday, said: "There is clear evidence to the effect that the medical forces with the USOC gave with the USOC gave advice conflicting with that given by the TAC stuff. Some such advice, in

#### Moses speaks for depoliticized promised land

Lausanne (Reuter) - The athletes' commission of the International Olympic Committee issued a statement on Monday condemning the "repeated intrusion of politics in the Olympic movement."

Indianapolis (Reuter) - Doctors with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) were partially to blame for the withdrawal of 11 Aerican athletes from the Pan-American games in Caracas in

for Olympic examinations Steve Cram may undertake two overseas training periods in his build-up to next year's Olympic

> Cram, already the hoder of the cram, aiready the hoder of the world, European and Commonwealth 1,500 metres championships, is considering spending a few weeks in Boulder, Colorado, in addition to his five-week visit to Australia and New Zealand.
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> "Nothing has been settled defitely shout one to America, but I am about going to America, but I am certainly thinking about it. I have twice taken an Easter break in Boulder and it has worked well,"

**TODAY'S FIXTURES** 

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were dangerous to health con-tributed to the problem. Last September USOC created a task 8.30 WEAVERHAM HURDLE (3-y-o novices: £1,278: 2m) (8) PEARVERHAM HONDALE (3-9-C) NOVICES: 1,276: 201) (0)

2 HARVESTER GOLD (8 Cerchidge) 8 Cerchidge 11-0

42 HACKS GART (A Robinson) 8 Bridge 11-0

REMARDER LINE (8 Cooper) T Kressy 11-1

THATS GOD (W Holden) W Holden 11-0

300 TOP TOUCH (J Graham) D McCain 11-0

210 HOCKSLIGHT BAX (D) (R Smalley) M Lambert 10-12

ANGIVERSARY TOXEN (8 A Ferndon Eng Co) J Wilson 10-8

NOVAL EXPORT (W Which) W Width 10-9

Mach GR. 5-9 Hermatry Gold, 7-8 Moorfield 18-4 7 Tox Touch, 10 Andrews Co. 5-9 Hermatry Gold, 7-8 Moorfield 18-4 7 Tox Touch, 10 Andrews Co. 5-9 Hermatry Gold, 7-8 Moorfield 18-4 7 Tox Touch, 10 Andrews Co. 5-9 Hermatry Gold, 7-8 Moorfield 18-4 7 Tox Touch, 10 Andrews Co. force on drug control, a principal function of which will be research and educational activities. Since new drugs appear on the market almost daily, a list of banned drugs can never be totally up to date, the commission said. It suggested a list of "safe" drugs for stated medical problems be made available.

7-4 Mee's Gift, 5-2 Hervester Gold, 7-2 Moonlight Bay, 7 Top Touch, 10 Aminorpary Total 12 others. Haydock selections

 Summer Path. 1.30 Abu Torkey. 2.0 Wayward Lad. 2.30 Deep Ridge 3.0 Magic Tipp. 3.30 Harvester Gold. Little rest for Jack Ramsey

By Michael Seely

Matt McCormack, the Wantage trainer, is not wasting any time with Jack Ramsey, 3-1 on winner of the November Three-year-old Novice Hurdle (Div II) at Plumpton yesterday, McCormack plans to run the gelding, who is unbeaten in three races, at Folkestone on Monday. Winning jockey Paul Barton was completing a double initiated by Falkhand Palace in the BBC Radio Sursex Chase.

Plumpton results RECORD DANCER b g by Dencer's Image — Theads (Miss H Gerver) (1-4) S Shith Extins (1-5 ftm) 1 Teagle Conformer — S McNeth (12-1) 2 Demograted — P Berton (12-1) 3 TOTE: Wite Et.10. Places £1,00, £1,50, DF: £1,30, CSF: £4,14, G Pritchard-Gordon at Howmarket, 119, 8. Pepperwood (53-1) 4th, 6

1.30 ROM BOLTON CHASE (novices: £1,280: 2m 3/90/d) ZEL SOYON

(PENTON FAVELL big by Tarqopan — Easter

Vigil (Hard Hit Bookmakern) 5-11-3

J Françosse (2-1 thy) 1

Remed Assety — J Lowey (3-1) 2

ber Eastele — W Worthington (20-1) 3 TOTE Wir: 22.90, Places: \$1.30, \$1.30, \$2.10, DF: \$4.20, CSP: \$7.45. N Gassing at Lambours, 24, 71. Giardade (14-1) 4th, 9 ran, Nr; Kars. 2.0 PETER CAZALET CHASE (handcap: 21,871; 3ra 11)
\*\*ROUND THE TWIST b g by Bend A Bow — Frechetz Street (A Ross) 7-11-7.R Rowe (40-95 tay) 1 The Vineger New — J. Wilsons (4-1) (Robys — Mr T Granthum (11-1) 3

first winner when partnering Mercredi, trained by his father Michael, to victory in the Stammer Conditional Jockeys Selling Handicap Hurdle, But the celebrations had to be dejayed when a stewards inquiry was announced. The stewards inquired into possible interference between Mercradi and interference between Mercredi and ymner-tip Allado after the final flight. However, the result was allowed to stand, much to the relief of the Madgwick family.

TOTE: Wit: \$1.30, DP: \$1.90, CSP: \$1.75.1 Oughton at Pindon. 4, dist. 3 ran. 2.30 STANSER CONDITIONAL J HUROLE (Selling herology, 1994; 2m) TOTE: Win: 25.80. Pinces: 21.50. 21.50. 22.70. DF: 210.70. CSP: 215.92. M Madgwicker Destroad. 154. 122. Thomas A Beolet (5-1) 4th. 8 ran. NP: Hebato. Bought in for 520 guineau. F1,535: 2mg
FALICARD PALACE b g by Royal Palace-Factival Night (A Boot) 5-11-3
F3 Santon (5-6 Ser)
Transheer A Hangwick (10-1)
Ecoloma And Liest G Newstate (5-1)

TOTE: Wis: \$1.50. DF: \$5.50. CSP: \$7.11. D Gandolfo at Warrings. 6(2). Chaines Bar (4-1) 4(5.4 rsn. 3.50 NOVEMBER HURBLE (Div It Says LICK RANGEY b g by Tucor Rhythm - Top Soprario (M. Sandanbury) 11-6 Soprano (M Standersbury) 11-6
Parton (1 -3 ftn)
Gerdaners Arms Francome(-1)
Nestor Man D Hyde (20-1) TOTE: Wir. £1.20. Places: £1.00, £1.70, DF. £2.10, CSF. £2.85. M McCorrected Workage. 101, £14. Flore The Febr (50-1) 4th, 6 ray.

PLACEPOT: E2.78

Chepstow race named after **Prince Charles** 

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent Chepstow racecourse is to name a race after the Prince of Wales. The Clerk of the course, John Hughes, announced yesterday that the Prince of Wales Chase will be run for the first time at their next meeting on.
December 3. It will be run over two
miles, for five-year-olds and
upwards and will be for mares only,
at the specific request of Prince

Charles.

Chepstow is also to stage a race in memory of Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin's brilliant but ill-fated novice hurdler. Deep Wealth, who won his first three races over hurdles last season but fell three out in the Panama Cigar Hurdle Final on the course last March and collapsed and died as he was being led back.

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The Shaikh who has been leading-owner under National Hunt rules for the past two seasons, is showing his great affection for the sport by putting up £15,000 for the Deep Wealth Memorial Hundle which will replace the Panama Cigar Hundle Final.

The name race will be for five-again.

olds only and run on March 10. Shaikh Ali has also said that if any Shaikh An hes and sun that it any of his own horses finish in the frame the prize-money will be given to the Apprentice School Charitable Trust for the British Racing School for the British Racing School

It was also announced yesterday that Coral's, the bookmakers, have increased their commitmion for this year's Welsh National on December 27, making it up to £22,000, the richest race ever staged at Chepstow. Last year's winner, Corbiere, went on to complete the great double when he won the Grand National at Aintree, and Jenny Pinnan's eight-year-old is among the 91 entires for next month's Welsh National with two other previous winners, Peaty Sandy and Narvik.

Mis Pitman intends trying to win the Chepstow marathon again with Corbiere, but at present her plans to get him on to a course are being frustrated by the continuing firm ground.

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Michael Dickinson has made five entries for the race – Ashley House, Cavity Hunter, Gay Spartan, Righthand Man and Captain John, who was the odds on favourite for the race last year in which he ran badly because he pulled muscles in his back.

The total unize-money at stake at his back.

The total prize-money at stake at Chepstow on December 27 will be nearly £40,000, another record for the course. The £7,500 Finale Junior Hurdle, for three-year-olds, and a Hang Whisky Qualifier are the main

Robert Sangster was again in the news when his Swettenham Stud in Cheshire, selling for the first time at Goffs, made a total of 382,000 Irish gainess for nine mares. They all went into the ring without reserve on the fourth day of the record-making November sale in County Kildare. The top-priced lot in the draft was Transit a four-year-old draft was Transit a four-year-old Thatch mare for which Tommy Stack paid 125,000 Irish guineas.

Ludlow

12.45 CRAVEN ARMS, HURDLE (selling handicap: £539: 2m) (11 

5-2 The Knife, 100-30 Rossian Salad, 9-2 Indado, 7 Hawa Sound, 16 Ternis Track, 20 Chuck's Song, 33 others. 1.15 TEME CHASE (5-y-o novices: £897: 2m) (2) 

1,45 SHROPSHIRE DESIGN CHASE (handicap: £1,654: 2m 4f) (4) 2.15 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (novices: £1,273: 2m) (9)

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9000 NICK SARRY (R Piper) Mrs J Pimen 4-10-10 II B De Hasen

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9000 PRICE PRIVALE (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 6-10-9 III B Decker

9000 B PRICE PRIVALE (Mrs A Price) Mrs A Price 6-10-9 II B Decker

9000 LAURILEE DOVE (J Price) R Price 6-10-9 II B Durke

Precs Grockie, 2 Jubilee Dove, 6 Careersway Boy, 8 Mr Mynd, 20 Nick Berry, 33 others. 2.45 COURT OF HILL CHASE (handicap: amateurs: £1,248: 3m) (6) 

5-2 Father Gleb, 3 Leaveneum, Lodge's Fortune, 4 Kraicer, 10 Nevero, 20 Abiete. 3.15 HALFORD HURDLE (novices: 2483; 2m) (16) 3.15 HALFORD HURDLE (novices: 2483: 2m) (16)

1 94010 FLY MORE (B) (W Whiston) W Wilston 7-11-10

2 94-20 HARFORD (Mornore Auto Source Ltd) B Mickelson 6-11-0

7 497-03 PONTI HELL (B) (K Lewis) K Lewis 9-11-0

10 9-000 FLY MORE (B Source) E Hollenbead 4-10-10

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13 6-000 FLY MORE (B Source) E France 1-0-10

16 6-000 FLY MORE (B Source) E France 1-0-10

17 200-222 SANOWALKER (G Billings) More M Righell 4-10-10

20 4-0016 WESTERN HERD (R Resensing 16 Thorner 4-10-10

21 4-0016 WESTERN HERD (R Resensing 16 Thorner 4-10-10

22 6 FOXLEY MEL (F Kyneston) M Jernes 7-40-5

23 9-09 SPORTSWORDS (A Lee) J King 4-10-5

24 631-03 JIRCEBOX KATE (R Harrach) W Clay 4-10-5

25 10-11 Sandwaker, 5 Storton, Jukabox Katie, 8 Hartord, 10 Fly More, 12 Screen, 33 others.

Ludlow selections By Michael Seety 12.45 The Knife. L.15 Comedian. 1.45 Latin American. 2.15 Queensway Boy. 2.45 Lodge's Fortune. 3.15 Harford.

Southwell results 

TOTE: Wir: \$1.60. DP: \$4.90. CSP: \$9.75. Leigh at Geinsborough. 1½, dist. 4 ren. only Snighted. 1.15 SYCAMORE HUNDLE (selling handless £306.2m 40) RIVER WARRION b g by Forlow Piver — Wounded Knee (J Bradley) 5-11-2 Q Dantes (5-2) G Davise (5-2)
Whatton Marine P Dever (15-8 tm)
Little Tyrast P Contigue (4-1)

Title Tyunst P Corrigin (4-1) 2
TOTE: Wire 23.20. Places: 22.00, 21.40. Dit. 25.70. CSP: 27.62. J Bradley at Chapaton. 9, 15. Cheely Mankey (1-1) 4th. 5 ran. NR: Problist, Lord Charles. bought in 1,000 gas. T.AS MANTHORN CHASE (handicap: £1,454: - 3ro 110yd) SALL-VICE of g by Ballymois - Song Of The for (P Simpson) 8-11-7 J J O'Nell (1-4 fas) 1 Old Castle Line - V McK(selt (8-1) 2

TOTE: Win: \$1.20. DP: \$1.40. CSF: \$2.40. H theraps at Wetherby. \$1.3 ran. only 2 finished. 2.15 ALDER HURDLE (2944: 2m) TOTE: Wit: 21.38, Places: 21.00, 22.60, DF: 23.90, CSF: 25.78, B McMahon at Tarrecorts. 4, 8, Wise Man (20-1) 4th. 5 ran. 2.45 BIRCH CHASE (novious: £582; 3m 110 rds JUST FOR THE CRACK of g The Parson-Rossong (S Wile) 5-10-7

M Parent (Evens tay) 1

Tierans Mr P Dun (7-4) 2

Tiphos Lover J Suthern (35-1) 3 TOTE: Wir. 21.60. DF: 21.60. CSP: 22.50, K Balley at East Osley. 71, 15. Public Relations (4-1) 4th. 4 ran NFL bridge Creek. 3.15 WILLOW HUNDLE (novice): \$414; 22: 40 TOTE: Win: EASO, Pienner 21.90, 22.70. DF: 190. CSF: 239.03. S Bowting at Southwell. No. 4. Consensurity Boy [2-1] 4th. 7 ran. NR: Missessor St. 2nd avent rage. PLACEPOT: